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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE FOR 1697.

VOLUME No. VII.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 9TH SEP^{TR}: 1697.

TO HIS EXCELL^{Y}: S^{R}: JOHN [GAYRE KN^{T}.]
CAP^{T}: GENERALL AND CHEIFE DIRECTORE FOR ALL
AFFAIRES & FORCES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

May it Please Yo^{R}: Exc^{CY}:

No. 1. ℔ship Loyall Captain.

Our last was dated the first of September via Surat coppy whereof comes inclosed with coppy of the 7th: August by the returne of the Anjengo Peon, which brought your Excell^{Y}: &c^{AS}: Letter of 10th: April.

On Saturday the 14th: August ship Chambers Frigga[t] Cap^{t}: Thomas South Command^{R}: arrived and brought [us . . .] your Excell^{YS}: &c^{A}: Letter dated 24th July with severall [. . .] according to List among which were Invoice & Bills of Lading for Cotton, Siraz Wine and Salt laden on [. . .] ships, consigned to the Agent &c^{A} of Bengall under orders of takeing ashore what would sell better [. . .] in Bengall.

The Price of cotton being at the arrivall of [the] ship about 23 Pagodas ℔ Candy, and the Bengall [. . .] generally being between 7 and 8 Rup^{S}: ℔ m^{D}. [. . . ta]ken ashore the whole parcell and sent 3000 [. . .], Bengall in lieu thereof, and continued all [. . .] and salt. The Com^{R}. received his dispatch [. . .] 17th: in the [. . .] after which a Pattamar from Bengall bringing a Letter from the Agent and Councill and from Cap^{t}: Erle concerning the supplying of the ship Sampson with money for [the re]pair, hindred the Chambers ffrigot from sailing till the Evening for our answer, coppyes of said Letters and our answer comes inclosed.

The 56 Bales of cotton were sold att an outcry for Pag^{S}: 20 to Pag^{S}[. . .]: 12 ℔ Candy, but is not yett weighed off and delivered, The price was something the Lesse because there came upon the said ship about 60 Bales more, a yearly supply of as much more then the whole would be usefull to the place, and wee have no reason to thinke that dureing the Warr between the Moores and Morattas itt can fall lower then 16 Pag^{S}: ℔ Candy, itt is sometimes att 30.

Inclosed is a List of Goods landed here, and Rupees laden from hence for Bengall, for severall private persons Acco^{TS}: having no coppy of the contract by which the ship was freighted, wee do not understand to whom the freight belongs, whether to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company or the Contractors; some of the Bills of Lading having the payment of Freight blotted out and the rest not mentioning any rate, we have therefore chose to referr the freight to the order and adjustment of your Excell^{Y}: &c^{A}: the said List mentions the names of the consignees.

Inclosed is Duplicate of our Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{A}: dated 6th: Instant by ship Madrass Frigat which sailed this day for Vizagapatam and the West Coast we pray your Excell^{Y}: &c^{A}: to be referred unto that Letter and send itt forward to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company as oppertunity offers and to excuse [. . .] not repeating the Contents.

Wee have omitted to order M^{R}: Soames to pay so much of the 100 tale left with him by M^{R}: Walsh, as remains unexpended into the R^{t}: H. C. Cash at York Fort, but shall by the next. [. . . He is] ordered if he proceeds to York Fort, to acquaint the Queen that whilst he Protects M^{R}: Pelton and other English against order, wee will not continue a settlement there. But when they are turned away may settle again.

Wee have resolved to make tryall of an Armenian Am[er John] to carry a Present to the Nabob, seeming to bee the fittest Person among those that are here, and that give your Excell^{y}: &c^{a}: an acco^{t}: of his behaviour.

Wee shall observe your Excell^{ys}: order about sending cloth for China, Cochinchina, &c^{a}: as oppertunity offers. Herew[ith comes] [*Lacuna in the original*] p^{s}: of velvetts made in China by the muster sent by Issa Cooley, being as he wrote, wanted by the Mogul the dark colour peices are the same Colour with y^{e}: muster.

Inclosed is acco^{t}: Currant London Bombay, with the Journall parcells from the p^{mo}: May 94 to the ult^{o}: April 1697.

By what your Excell^{y}: &c^{a}: are pleased to write concerning ship King William wee are incouraged to hope wee have not Erred much in our Agreement with him for referring the advance on the money spared him, and the ships Demorage &c^{a}: to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and Owners since he would not be perswaded by any meanes to contract that the advance should be equall to the proffitt on the Invoice. She will go full Laden before the Monsoon and shall take as much care as wee can not to keepe [. . . ,] till the hazardous time.

Your Excell^{y}: &c^{a}: having thought fitt upon peruseall of the severall Consultations and Papers sent relateing to M^{r}: Fraser to order that he bee suspended from acting in this Councill if hee did not submit and reforme, and M^{r}: ffraser being so far from submitting that he refuses to acknowledge any Error, and giveing no hopes of his future reformation, wee have accordingly suspended him, as by the Coppy of our Consultation 23^{d}: August whereunto wee annex the coppy of our Consultation of 15th: June, relating to the admission of M^{r}: Tredcroft into this councill as a further Instance of [his] perverse temper.

Wee have inclosed the coppy of our Consultation dated 28 June for disposeall of the ships w^{ch}: came out this year.

Wee shall observe your Excell^{y}: &c^{as} order for not selling saltpetre to the Danes and Portuguez.

The Commanders of the Sidney and Madrass give an acco^{t}: agreeable to that w^{ch}: Cap^{t}: Clarke gave of Cap^{t}: Kidd.

Our Armenians here complain of Losses by the storme in April att Surat which your Excell^{y}: &c^{a} mention, God be thanked wee have had no such violent stormes on this Coast since April 1696. That in October last wherein the King William suffered so much damage was moderate here.

The Dorrill goeing out from Bombay so late as the 27th June wee d[oubt] the ships that went from hence on 25th May for China and Tonqueen will not have her Company outward Bound.

M^{r}: Walsh his wife hath notice to prepare for her proceeding in the Chambers Frigat by the 25th November, and she shall have all the assistance wee can give her and orders to the Commander for her Passage as directed.

The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company order for selling off all their Country ships doth except what necessary for Bengall & the West Coast. Every Letter from the latter complains of their want of one att least to bee alwayes cruissing on that coast, and wee are very sensible of the necessity thereof to prevent Pepper being carried away from the Rivers, which lye between Bencoolen and Pryamong.

Wee shall observe your Excell^{y}: &c^{a}: order concerning the dispatch of the Chambers ffrigat when she returnes from Bengall. The Papers relating to the goods seized att Malacca are mostly Dutch and very large. Wee have had none among the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company's servants that could write Dutch [. . .] one lately arrived and employed with others in coppying Generall Bookes, whereof wee are to send 25 pair besides Consultation Bookes, and Bookes of Letters rec^{d}: and sent Lost by the Barkley Castle and Princess. After the King Willi[ams] Departure, They shall be coppied to send to your Excell^{y}:

M^{r}: Barwell doth intend to goe to Bombay upon the Chambers ffrigat, in order to his proceeding to Persia according to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: orders, chooseing that [convey]ance as the most secure and convenient for a family. The ship Loyall Captain having many Passengers.

Wee pray your Excell^{y}: &c^{a}: by the first oppertunity to send us 2, or 3 Barrells of large Musquett flints, or so [much] as you can conveniently spare, having very few serviceable flints in the Garrison. Those wee have received from England having been mostly Pistoll flints and too small for use whereof wee have enough.

16th: September.

This day the King Williams Ladeing is compleated. The adjustment of the Acco^{t}: of the damaged cargo with the Com^{r}: &c^{a}: will detain her a weeke, tho' att last the same cannot be finished, because all the cloth is not rewashed. We are,

Your Exc^{cy}: &c^{a}: very Hum^{ble}:
& obedient servants:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T}: TO BOMBAY ℔ SHIP LOYALL CAPTAIN.

Fort S^{t}: George [Gen^{ll}] Letter dated 9th: Sep^{r}: 1697. [No: 1.]
Coppy of D^{o}: dated 1st: August 1697. [No: 2.]
Coppy of D^{o}: dated 1st: September 1697. [No: 3.]
Coppy of Bengall Gen^{ll}: dated 12th: June 97: relat^{g}: to ship Sampson. } [No: 4.]
Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: to Bengall dated 17th: Aug^{t}: 97. }
Coppy of Cap^{t}: Erles Letters dated 20th: May & 12th: June 97. [No: 5.]
Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: to Cap^{t}: Erle dated 17th: Aug^{t}: 97. [No: 6.]
List of goods brought ashore from the Chambers ffrigat att ffort S^{t}: George. [No: 7.]
Duplicate of Fort S^{t}: George Generall to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: dated 6th: Sep^{r}: 97. Acco^{t}: Currant London Surat Presidency wth: Fort S^{t}: George from the primo May 94. to the ultimo April 1697. [No: 8.]
Journall Parcells for Ditto time. [No: 10.]
Coppy of a Consultation dated 23^{d}: August 1697. [No: 11.]
Coppy of D^{o}: . . . . . 15th: June 1697. [No: 12.]
Coppy of D^{o}: . . . . . 28th: June 1697. [No: 13.]
Coppy of York Fort Generall Letter dated 22^{d}: April 1697. [No: 14.]
Coppy of D^{o}: . . . . . 22^{d}: May 97. [No: 15.]
Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Generall to York Fort dated 20th: August 1697. [No: 16.]
Coppy of the Lieu^{t}: Generalls &c^{a}: Letter to M^{r}: Soames dated primo Sep^{r}: 1697. [No: 17.]
Coppy of D^{os}: Instructions to M^{r}: William Soames dat^{d}: 2^{d}: Septem^{r}: 1697. [No: 18.]
Coppy of D^{os}: Commission to Ditto dated the 2^{d}: September 1697. [No: 19.]
Copy of ffort S^{t}: George Generall Letter to Tonqueen dated 11th: May 1697. [No: 20.]
Copy of the Lieu^{t}: Generalls &c^{a}: Instructions to M^{r}: Thomas Lovell. [No. 21.]
Copy of Provissionall Commission delivered to Ditto sealed. [No: 22.]
Copy of M^{r}: Afflecks request to the Lieu^{t}: Generall &c^{a}: relateing to ship London. [No: 23.]
Copy of Lres: rec^{d}: by M^{r}: Affleck from the Supra Cargo's & Master of ship London. [No: 24.]

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 10TH: SEPT: 97.

To M^{R} SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

No: 2. sent ℔ Pattamar.

Wee received yours of the 12th: August this evening by your Peons, whom we detain and send the former peons forward to acknowledge the receipt of yo^{r}: Generall Bookes, Dyaryes &c^{a}: papers as ℔ List and remain,

Your Affec^{t}: freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 10TH SEP^{R}: 97.

To M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

No: 3. sent ℔ Pattamar.

I have received your Letter of 12th: Aug^{t}: by which and your Diary I observe your diligent endeavours and provision for the repairs of the ship Sedgwick. There having been so many dayes lost in waiting for a spring to carry her over the Barr, I fear the repair of the ship cannot be effected. But I hope you will have sent her away before this arrives. If not I think itt is better to keep her in the River till after the full moon of November then to send her hither in the month of October and run the hazard of meeting with the monsoon in this road.

I cannot have an oppertunity for sending better timber for her Rudder, nor plank and Iron, But if itt be necessary for her substantiall repair, and you cannot doe it without sending to Ganjam for them, pray send for them, but then I fear she will not be here before December, & her lyeing there so many months will be very chargeable. If the ship stayes the Lascars must be paid a month or two, otherwise there will be no occasion.

I will make the best provision I can here for a boat and Anchor I am

Your Affect: freind
NATT: HIGGINSON.

To THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHARLES
EYRE ESQ^{R}: AGENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 28TH SEPR: 97.

No: 4. ℔ Ship Anne.

This morning ship King William sailed out of this road for England wee hope well repaired and furnished with necessary stores, and full Laden with a Cargo equivalent to the former.

Our last was dated 9th: Instant by ship [Diamond.] inclosed *is the Bill* of Ladeing for 20 chest Siraz Wine sent you by Ditto ship being Invoiced from Bombay and by a mistake sent ashore from ship Chambers Frigatt unknown to us till the ship was gone.

On the 21st: Instant ship Anne brought us your Letter dated 16th: August and on the 27th: ship Welfare of 28th: August with Papers according to List.

As to the Mary Buoyer if itt pleases God to return her safe to us wee will send her to you and never take her from you again upon any occasion whatsoever.

If you sell your Broad cloth att 2^{rs}: ¼ ℔ y^{d}: there are two ill consequences and both considerable, first a present loss of about 25 ℔ cent on the Invoice price supposeing your Broad cloth to bee Invoiced as ours is, one with another above 14th: the whole peice, 2^{d}: the undervalueing of the Commodity for the future. If you keep itt you will want the money to Invest. And if it shall happen that you cannot in a years time sell itt for more, you will in the mean time pay 12 ℔ cent Interest, which will be a further Losse, besides damage by lyeing, upon the

whole if you have a rationall prospect that you can hereafter sell for as much more as will pay the Interest and damage you had better keep itt and borrow money but if you have not such prospect, you had better sell. Wee cannot write plainer.

Wee have almost in every Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for 3 years past represented the difficulty of disposeing of Europe cloth and the Losse which must happen by the encreaseing remaines. Our merchants have taken off about 200 Bales since May last which is as much as they can possibly dispose of in one year, besides which wee have about 400 bales remaining in our Godowns and expect more by the next ship, and have no prospect of a vend.

Wee observe the prospect you have of provideing a Cargo for the Sidney and that you intend to send all the Cotton yarne Bales hither by the Sampson. Upon further thought itt is better that you keep 100 Bales to help to fill up the ship which you keep to lade from Bengall if occasion shall require, and lade 100 bales & chest of your fine goods upon that ship which you shall send to be laden here, that the risgo of the Bengall goods may bee divided and [the Cargo] mixed. If your fine goods shall not come in time enough to compleat the ships ladeing by the 10th January it is bett^{r}: to supply the defect with cotton yarne then keep her late for wee are desirous that both ships goe from hence in company as formerly advised.

Our letter of the 17th August by ship Chambers ffrigatt gives you our resolve that the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: having ordered us not to supply ships with more then limited in Charterparty, wee cannot consent to your furnishing Cap^{t}: Erle with the money hee requests for the repair of the Sampson.

Thomas Absolons Estate [in the] R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: cash being wrott off to acco^{t}: Currant London [in your B]ookes and the Bookes sent home, and may arrive [long before] any Bills that are now to bee drawn, it is not convenient to draw bills, because the stateing and writeing off the whole Account to Acco^{t}: Currant doth render the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Company liable to pay the Amo^{t}: to such as have power to demand, which demand may bee made and the money paid before the arriveall of the Bills. However cause the particular Acco^{t}: of Cap^{t}: Absolon's concerns to bee delivered to the order of Cap^{t}: Prickman and if they require itt, a copy of the Acco^{t}: as stated in yo^{r}: Gen^{ll}: Bookes.

Wee observe your diligent endeavours and successe in defeating the Interlopers, and find no occasion to add to what formerly written concerning them, and those that correspond with them.

Wee have no rarityes for Presents.

You wrote us that you had apprehended Davenport and would send him hither, which wee expected you would doe, and haveing no objection against itt, nor need of any particular directions in such cases, wee writt nothing of itt. Send him with such accusations and proofes as you have against him.

Lett your Accountant give a List of those particulars wherein you will need our assistance in settling your Acco^{t}: according to the Auditor Generalls Directions Viz^{t}: in matter de[pending] between Fort S^{t}: George and Bengall.

Wee have received the silkwormes by the Welfare, but are sorry you could not send a man with them, they seem to be all Dead. By the next send more, and a man if procureable.

Inclosed is our Accountants Adjustment of your Account as itt stands in our Generall Bookes Ending Aprill last. Wee are,

Your Affect: freinds

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

P.S: Inclosed is Invoice & Bill of Ladeing for Rupees 7,000 laden on ship Anne Cap^{t}: John Hampton Commander.

N.H.

List of the Pacquett to Bengall ℔ ship Anne.

1. Generall Letter dated 28th September 1697.
2. Second Bill of Ladeing for 20 Chest Wine sent ℔ ship Diamond.
3. Sundry Journall parcells taken out of Fort S^{t}: Geo: Books.
4. Invoice of Treasure sent ℔ ship Anne.
5. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
6. List of the Pacquet.

Fort S^{T}: George 30TH Sep^{T}: 1697.

To the Hon^{BLE}: William Hatsell
President of Fort S^{T}: George and
Govern^{R}: of ffort S^{T}: David &c^{a}
Councill of Fort S^{T}: David.

No. 5. M^{r}: Heyne's Request dated 30 June is gone home to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company in the coppy Booke [of Letters] & recommended to their consideration, [. . . it] being [not in our] power to grant ground to any man and his [. . . .] in such manner as M^{r}: Heines seemes to desire their Hon^{rs}: doubtlesse will give suitable encouragement to such undertakeing as tend to publick emprovements. In the meantime M^{r}: Heines may use the ground he hath upon the present termes, or if he wants more for Vines &c^{a}: you may spare him any that is to bee spared upon like termes referring all to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: own orders.

The Agent &c^{a} have sent us a baskett of silkwormes which were omitted to bee sent by the Brigantine, but they will come by the next. They write they cannot send any men to looke after them. These seem to bee dead. Wee have writt for more.

It would be hard and discourageing to the Planters of Vineyards to bee debarred from makeing Wine for their own drinking. Lett them bee debarred from selling under penalty of forfeiting double the value to the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: and if the Inhabitants shall abuse that liberty to the prejudice of M^{r}: Heines itt may bee for that reason justly restrained.

By your severall Letters for three months past, we ℔ceive you have had apprehensions of being troubled by Selim Cawn. Wee have had frequent reports, and advices from the Camp of like nature with respect to this Place. Wee hope there is no further design in the Nabob and his officers discour[se . . .] then to draw a Piscash. All things considered [wee have] resolved to send the Nabob a Present of about 1000 Pag^{s}: next week by Amer John Armenian.

Wee have received the severall certificates of cloth belonging to our merchants Viz^{t}:—

51	Bundles	mentioned in yours of	3^{d} August.
179	„	„	10th September.
142	„	„	24 September.

The Madrass ffrigot brought us your Invoice and Bill of Lading for sundrys laden on her Amo^{t}: Pag^{s}: 3225. 21:—mentioned in yours of the 26th August.

If you have not already bought Palmeras, you may forbear buying now, there haveing been enough imported here for our present occasion but if allready bought keep them till you have an oppertunity to send them, for wee shall want more.

Wee have received the 14 slaves mentioned in yours of 1st: Instant and give you Credit for their Cost Pag^{s}: 85: 5: The sailcloth &c^{a}. mentioned in yours [of the 1st] instant to bee sent hither by our Merchants doth not belong to the Investment, and they ought to pay the custom at Cuddalore, as other merchants for other Goods.

Wee have no men in our service who ran away hither from Pollycherry, tho' itt is true severall Europe men have come hither from the camp and have gone to sea. The Cheif of Pollicherry's Delivering your three runaways obligeth us to deliver their men for the future when demanded, upon the same termes [Viz^{t}:] Pardon.

Wee received your Generall Bookes [. . .] mentioned in yours of 16th Instant all which are [sent by] the King William to the Rt: Honble: Compa: The Letter received therewith from Mr: Heines and Mr: Mountague hath not been yett considered.

Wee have received your Invoice and Bill of Lading for 20 bales ℔ Briggantine Amot. Pags. 1401: 4: 2: The putting of a marke upon your weavers cloth is very convenient, but the Letter W: being the same marke which wee have hitherto putt upon our Merchants Cloth from Wooriarpollam; wee desire you to allow itt to the Letter C for Cuddalore or other marke, which you like better, in all the Accots: you have of those 14 Bales received by the Briggantine, & wee will alter the marke accordingly in your Invoice and Ticketts.

There will bee time enough for considereing whether your Bales should bee sent or wee send the ship when she comes to take them in.

Serjt: Brookes delivered here 12 Souldiers by the Brigantine according to the Paymasters List. Hee stayes here to returne with Ensign Eaton and Owen next week Peter Johnson who came allso by the Brigantine is entertain'd in our Gunroom.

Inclosed is the Paymasters List of 6 souldiers returned by the Briggantine which sailed yesterday, they are paid to this day, and find their own provisions. Wee paid for [the] passage of those you sent us 15 fans ℔ head. There is an apparent convenience in changeing them that are soe inclined, it prevents discontents and Plotts.

Wee have not booke Paper enough to make up another pair of Generall Bookes and cant procure any at ℔ sent. Wee buy all wee use, haveing received none fitt for that use severall years. Buy if you can of the Dutch or Danes. Wee send you 4 quire of what received from the Rt: Honble: Compa: Amot: Pago: 1: 24fa:.

The King William sailed on the 28th: Instant. wee hope well repaired & stored, and fully Laden with a cargo equivalent to the former. God grant she may arrive safe with our Rt: Honble: masters.

The Sea Customer acquaints that there were severall [casks of] Beer sent off from hence aboard the ship Madrass frigot wch: had paid Custome here. Wee are,

Your Affece: freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW [EMPSON].
EDWD. TREDCROFT.

15TH OCTOBER 1697:

To PERCOLLA CHINA VASSILO.

I received your kind Letter and rejoyce to hear of your health, you write for Powder and Lead, How can I send any thing out of Towne so long as Allebux the Junkaneer stops all things and all peons from goeing out or comeing in, which I desire you [to] bring into your serious consideration and continue your old ffreindship. No. 6.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

To THE NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN.

I am very glad to hear of your health, by your favour all things goe on well in these parts, I congratulate the good news of your Victory over your Enemyes, and the Honr: the King hath done you, for your good service, instead of your favour to the English what return can I make, but by spreading the fame of your renown to Europe, I have sent a small Present which I pray your Excellcy: to No. 7

accept according to list, for carrying on our Comp[s]: trade according to Sallabad, I have sent by Amerjeahn the Coppyes of former Perwannas, which pray your Excell[y]: to renew, and grant such as are necessary as Amerjeahn will acquaint; that I may göe on with a contented heart.

October 4[th]: 97.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

[To EMAHIM] COOLEY:

No: 8. I have sent Ammerjeahn with a small present to the Nabob, and desire you according to the Rule of old freindship to assist him in my business, and to accept a small token of my love.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

To WOOTAMA CHUND, the same.

16[TH]: OCTOBER 1697.

To NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN.

No: 9. I lately sent a Letter and a small Present to your Excell[y]: by Amerjeahn wherein I made no complaint against Allebux the Junkaneer, because I understood hee was your Excelly[s]: servant, and I thought he had [been] misinformed, and would of his own accord [desist from] his irregular proceedings, but his affronts, & injuries are so many and so often repeated, that I am compelled to acquaint your Excell[y]: that hee has robbed broad cloth and callicoes of the Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: to the value of above 4,000 Pag[s]: and thô I have often demanded them keeps them and hath placed Peons all round about Madrass to stop all people and goods and Provisions from comeing in or goeing out, and doth place Junkans and Peons in severall places within our bounds, and doth intolerably abuse all our English people and servants on purpose to provoke or to offer violence. All which I desire your Excell[y]: to bring into your serious Consideration and according to your wounted favour and Justice give such orders as in your Wisdome you think necessary to prevent such injuries for the future.

NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON.

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16 OCT[R]: 97.

To AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKER CAWN'S CAMP.

No: 10. I received your Letter last night and then order[ed . . .] Ramapa to desire you to procure the Nabobs Per[wanna] to present the[. . .] their Places within our bounds. I now send a Letter for the Nabob and send you the coppy that you may peruse itt and if you think fitt deliver itt, if not keep itt. By your Letter I gladly understand the Nabobs kind acceptance of the present, and the orders he gave for drawing Perwannas. I hope you will bring with you all that is necessary to prevent such trou[ble . . .].

NATH[LL]: [HIGG]INSON.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 21[ST] OCT[R]: 97.

To THE HON[BLE]: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESID[T]: OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE AND GOV[R]:
OF FORT S[T]: DAVID &C[A] COUNCILL OF
FORT S[T]: DAVID.

No: 11. Wee have received yours of the 13[th] Instant with your Accountants Journall and Leidger Entrey of Acco[t]: Curr[t]: to the last of August and gladly observe that hee is so forward in the Acco[ts]:

Yesterday wee received from Amerjeahn the Nabobs Perwanna on the Polimellee Junkaneer for restraining his manifold abuses the coppy of its Translate comes inclosed, before which the Junkaneer had, upon notice from his friends

att the Camp delivered all the goods hee had stoped, and removed his [meets] and recalled his orders for stopping Provisions Goods &c^{a}: so that there is a prospect of a fair end of the troublesome Insolencyes of the Junkaneers, thô if the same person bee continued he will [. . .] occasions of quarrell.

There doth now appear reason to thinke, that the Junkaneer had no orders from the Nabob for what he did, and that the cheif ground of this proceeding was to gett a Piscash, which he claimed as his due, upon the informations he had received that the former Junkaneer had on[e] [so ready] are these men to construe a single Act to be a Cus [. . .] their advantage, which should make us the more carefully avoid the giveing them such occasions.

Wee mention these things the more particularly because you seem to apprehend some trouble from Seilim Cawn, concerning which wee thinke itt probable, that he hath not any such orders from the Nabob, and yet may as [. . .] use to doe, seeke an occasion for drawing a Piscash from you, and may necessitate you either to comply with him, or apply to the Nabob to prevent a quarrell.

In which case, wee thinke a quarrell ought to be av[oided] if it can bee fairly prevented by either of those methods while your force is so much too little to defend so large Bounds, and while this Nabob continues in his Government of these parts, who hath done so many strange things not onely without but against the Kings order. Nor are wee to depend upon the Morattas (whose Army of 25,000 men is reported from severall parts to bee approaching either for defence or diversion, since the experience [of] years hath demonstrated that they come and goe, [. . .] Act by this order.

Butt if Seilim Cawn shall attempt to give you trouble, whether you should apply to him or the Nabob, will depend upon the emergent circumstances, which you onely can understand. The application to the Nabob tho' ℔ haps will bee more effectuall, yett will be more chargeable, and will require time, and [in the] mean while Seilim Cawn if hee bee so inclined will [seek occasion for] quarrell, which is their usuall policy, to provoke us to [. . .] some of their men. On the other hand you can [prob]ably compound with Seilim Cawn att lesser charges but if his demands are high itt is better to seek the Nabobs favour, for whatever is given to Seilim Cawn his successor will expect and demand as Customary.

Whoever you deal with you have a convenient plea for limiting their Demands if unreasonable Viz^{t}: you cannot give more (then you thinke fitt) without order and may insist upon so far as occasion requires or permitt.

For the future wee will allow 18 fan^{s}: ℔ head for the passage of souldiers.

If Paddy bee so cheap with you as 15 Pag^{s}: ℔ Garse, which is 20 ℔ cent cheaper then itt hath been here att the cheapest time of this year, It is convenient that you buy a store, and take up money att Interest for that purpose for wee cannot supply you without borrowing, and now owe more att Interest, then wee have in Cash, att 8 ℔ Cent.

You may allso continue to draw Bills upon us as opportunity offers, and when you have more then necessary [. . .] for your own present occasions advise us that wee may draw upon you to accommodate our merchants businesse att Wooriarpollam, to save the risgo of their sending money [by] Land till the season permitts sending by sea [. . .] merchants have acquainted us that the Weavers of Wooriarpollam have lately made their Cloth thinn[er] then before, and give this reason, that cotton being the[n] so dear as 30 Pag^{s}: ℔ Candy, there is none but fine thread [to be] had, to rectify which they have ordered more threads to [be] added, being promised that they shall bee considered in the sorting if they make that fine Cloth closer. The last cloth wee had from thence proved very fine and thin, tho' itt had the full number of threads.

The great trouble which our merchants, Wooriar Cloth [. . .] and embaled att Fort S^{t}: David gave both you and us upon its proveing torne, caused us to order our merchants to bring all hither brown and to wash and Embale none att Fort S^{t}: David and it would bee better still to continue that order. But

there appeares a necessity for altering itt, ffor wee expect the Sampson and Sidney here from Bengall, and that at least one of them must bee fully Laden with Coast Goods: But wee are not possessed of a sufficient Ladeing and must provide all the Bales that can possibly bee gott against [. . .] 20th: January not onely for the Ladeing of one ship but for filling up the other allso if occasion shall require our merchants acquaint us that they have already near [. . .] bales of Brown Cloth att Fort St: David and promise to bring about 50 more in two months. Wee have no reason to expect that the winds will allow their being brought hither by sea, before the middle or latter end of January when it will bee too late [far us] to wash and embale the Cloth to serve for said ships, [And wee] cann[ot] prevail with, nor indeed urge our merchants to bring hither overland by reason of the charge and risgo. [So that] we must loose the use of those Bales or you must receive & embale them att ffort St: David. Wee therefore desire you to receive all such Cloth as our merchants shall deliver to go before the 20th: January and to take the same care & me[thod] in the measureing, Washing, beating, sorting & embaleing as for your own merchants Cloth, putting the Letter W: upon the Wooriarpollam cloth. The last parcell of white cloth which you sent us unsorted was very carelessly measured or marked, for many peices which were marked 1 & 1½ coveds short, being all remeasured here, held out the full measure and some more. In the other parcell of torne Cloth many peices were full of little holes, which seemed to bee made in the beating occasioned by small sharp stones and gravell found folded up with the Cloth when beaten.

Herewith comes our merchants orders to their servants.

Our present thoughts are that wee shall send one of those two ships either to fetch the Bales hither or to fill up and take their departure from Fort St: David. But the resolution will depend upon the ships arriveall, want of [Patronage] and the forwardnesse in embaleing here and there [. . .] must bee deferred. Wee are,

Your Affecte: freinds.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
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CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

DATD: 22D: OCTOR: 97.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHARE: KAWNES CAMP.

No. 12. I received your Letter on the 20th Instant with the [Nabobs] Perwanna, the day before which Allebux son had delivered some of the Cloth, and he hath since delivered all, and call[ed] his people from some of the meets, butt he every day sends [. . .] people still to a meet between this And Tondore to receive Custome, But my Peons don't suffer them to take Custome there, and he every day stops kidds &ca: provision, as they are brought in by those that serve mee daily, & [. . .] double Junkan; The people leave their things [. . .] to me, when I send then they release, after the [. . .] these Junkaneers are resolved to bee cross still give me good hopes that there will be an end put to [their] unreasonable Actings, for which I depend upon you and for the necessary Perwannas, when you come I will give you thanks, pray present my service to Emahim Cooley. I find he is my freind as you alwayes said; I hope you will find a way to satisfy those that are otherwise Inclin'd, I have taken a coppy of the Perwanna and sent [it] to Allebux and shall act according to your advice in other matters. His son upon sight thereof sayes that he will act according to Sallabad, and take away all his meets from Tondore and Triplicane,

but he sends mee word [that he] Expects money, but don't intend itt. Tea was putt in [. . .] List by mistake; I could not gett any good then, I have a little and [. . .] will gett more and send tomorrow.

N: HIGGINSON.

To Mr: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &c^a COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

FORT St: GEORGE 26 Octr: 1697.

Last night wee received yours of 10th: Instant with your Diary ending the 9th: [and are] much concerned for the non-arrivall of the Madrass Frig[gat . . .] fearing she hath passed by and proceeded for Bengall. No: 13. Sent Overland.

You give a very good reason for your takeing those bad sorts of sailcloth of the Moor Merchants, Viz: their being insolvent.

Wee observe the particular Accot: you give in your Diary of the suddain great revolutions in the Government of the Countrey by the Rajas second rebellion, and the Seerlascar's defeat and death, and the consideration you have for the security of the Factory, and are sorry that the season will not ꝑmit us to supply you with souldiers, Guns & Guñers stores as you desire, till the change of the northerly monsoon all that wee can doe in the mean time is to order the Agent of Bengall to supply you from thence with what they can and the Comander of the Europe ship that will come to you from thence as by the inclosed Letter to him, and coppy of that to Bengall. Lett that to Bengall bee sent forward with all expedition and give them an Accot: of the present posture of affaires with you.

Itt is very difficult to give directions in affaires that are so frequently subject to suddain and great alteration which may render perticular orders either impracticable or hurtfull. Wee cannot understand the present Circumstances or foresee the future. Itt doth not appear whether the remaining forces of the seerlascar bee sufficient to withstand those of the United Rajahs, and prevent Progresse. If not, itt is to bee feared, that they will [. . .] run the whole Countrey before the Mogull can send [. . .] another Army, and when they come, itt is uncer[tain] whether or when they will be able to reduce the[m] to its former obedience. It is safest to suppose [. . .] Rajahs will bee conquerours of the Country [. . .] then they will call you to an Accot: for the [. . .] given the Seerlascar against them, and to make the [. . .] provision you can for defence in case they should proceed so far as to attack the ffactory. In which case it is our opinion, that tho' you should find yourselves in a condition of probable defence, yet itt is better that you ꝑvent: the extremity, if itt can bee done by treaty tho' itt cost money, upon termes that will not expose you to [further hazard].

And wee would putt you in mind of a few Pleas, which may bee used upon proper occasions.

First That you are merchants and your business is Trade which cannot bee carryed on but by the favour of tho[se who] have the Government of the Countrey.

2d: That your Trade brings a great Treasure into [the] Countrey and employ's many poor and is profitable [to the] Duan.

3: That you are peaceable men who doe not concern yourselves with the quarrells of other Nations and consult your own preservation from being murder [ed as] formerly.

4. That for the carrying on of trade in the [. . .] you have been att great charges for buildings, Piscash &ca: and cannot quitt the place unlesse somebody repay the charges att least 100,000 Pagodas.

5. [That you] are subordinate to the [Government of Fort] St: George and cannot Act without order.

Such Pleas will serve to justify the late [friend]ship you have maintained with the Moors Governmt: and excuse your non-complyance with unreasonable demands or at least gain time.

It will probably bee a question among you, whether you shall continue to take part with the Seerlascar's son or with the Rajahs, which cannot bee fully resolved unlesse itt were first understood, whether itt bee consistent with the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Interest to have any settlement in those parts, supposeing the whole Countrey to bee settled under the Government of the Rajahs. This is a fundamentall Point and deserves your serious consideration. For if that bee the case, it is without doubt the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: true Interest to declare for and assist the Moors, and follow their fortune, And quitt the Countrey if they are totally expelled or claim the reward of your service and fidelity, if they remain Conquerours, as itt is most probable they will att last, thô itt may bee a long time before the Countrey will bee wholly reduced to a quiett subjection, especially in case of the Mogulls death.

But in generall Newtrality hath ever been esteemed the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companys Interest in all parts of India, and not to take the part or [espouse] the quarrell of one Prince against another, when they are intending for y^e^: Conquest of the Countrey, unlesse [. . .] by necessity or Invit[ation] by a great advantage [. . .] cannot otherwise bee obtained, and is [. . .] to run the hazard of the [. . .] consequences attending the defeat of the Party assisted.

This is not intended to reflect upon your former proceedings but doth rather Justify (for you could not without the Seerlascars favour carry on your business so currently, or att least could not have gained his conniveance att turning your Factory into a ffortification) and is fittly applicable to your present circumstances for the Mogull and Rajahs are contending for the conquest of the Countrey: defend yourselves and take part w^th^: neither unlesse forced by necessity, or have a rationall prospect of a great advantage.

Such wee Account a Fortification, so many [. . .] so often recommended by the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Company and approved and this seems to bee the fittest juncture finishing itt, and wee heartily wish wee could [supply] you with the necessaryes you write for; but as [ad]vised wee neither have nor can procure them nor [. . .] them to you, att least till March or April next possibly the Pegue ships may bring some [. . .] for your use.

But as to the prospect whether itt can bee [. . .] can bee kept, or whether itt will bee worth [. . .] the Rajahs become and [. . .] of the Countrey, you can for wee [det]ermine, nor can wee [. . .] accidents [. . .] and therefore you [are] to act as you shall judge best, and safest for the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Interest and your own preservations wherein wee pray God direct you.

Wee wish you were handsomely rid of those rented seaport Townes, which are att too great a distance to defend, and will wee fear, upon this occasion, cause you some trouble whoever is the conquerour. You will find it difficult enough to secure Vizagapatam, and that itt is not a convenient time to enlarge your Government. All men will think that you will discharge your parts towards the upholding the Honour of the Nation, and the Interest of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Company if you can get and keep a Fortification att Vizagapatam, and conquer the difficulties which oppose, and that will tend more to your own reputation, then if you fail in grasping att more then you can hold. As to your application to the new Seerlascar, itt will probably bee a long time before he comes, (their [motion] generally being very slow) and the issue of his [. . .] uncertain. If the Rajahs shall have secured [. . .] to themselves, and likely to hold it, [. . .] encouragement in applying [. . .] selfe and suppose he [. . .] to reduce the Cou[. . .] and remove [. . .] except such as have been bred up and versed in the [. . .] of the Custome and revenues of the Countrey, and [. . .] regard their friends or their former services, but onely such as they can trust or find serviceable to their Interest. you must therefore think of begining de Novo with him as you did with the former, and it will bee pro[per] to send him a small Present and write him a Letter, recounting your former services, and the Seerlascars kindnesses expressed

in his Roccas, and send the coppies of such as are to your purpose particularly such as favoured your makeing your house defensible, and pray y^e^: con[tinuance] of his favour, and the grant of the roccas necessary [. . .] carrying on your Trade, and for defence of the place and for continuance of the renting Vizagapatam. Perhaps the new Seerlasar may employ some [. . .] old officers to whom you are known, of which you make good use to justify your Pretentions & re[. . .] your services.

Wee send you the Translate of the Seerlascars [. . .] you sent us for setling att Metchlepatam &c^a^ to run in the name of M^r^: Holcombe, [. . .] of the Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: nam [. . .] if it were never so good in [. . .] wherein there is no [. . .] oppertunity favours procure one from the Seerlascar (if the Government of Metchlepatam Countrey be under him, but itt will bee more esteemed both by the present officers and succeeding Seerlascar if written in the Persian Language, and there must bee allso a particular Rocca direct[ed] to the officers, of the place where wee shall settle w^ch^: most probably will bee Durampát, being the most preferable for many reasons.

The Commanders of all the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: ships are obliged by charter-party to serve them by Land, w^n^: required by their Factors, with any number of men not exceeding six for every Hundred Tons att one time.

Wee don't approve your sending the Cheif Dubash to Metchlepatam upon the businesse of Potana's son, or any others. If hee be not serviceable to the R^t^: H: Comp^a^: att Vizagapatam discharge him and take another if he bee you should not send him away upon private businesse, when there will bee most occasion for his service.

Inclosed is Coppy of Invoice of what sent you by Madrasse Frigot. Allso ab-[stract] of our Invoice to the West coast, and coppy of our sailing orders to Captain Prickman attested. If you have no News of the ship send an Abstract of both Invoices and the s^d^: Coppy of our sailing orders to the Agent and Councill of Bengall, you will thereby understand the particular [. . .] sent you. And the quantity and Amo^t^: of Cotton sent [. . .] merchants acco^t^: and risgo. If you find the sale of [. . .] cloth wholy impeeded by these troubles and y^e^ apprehend any hazard to the Factory, return the Broad cloth to us, by the Sampson, and all that is not necessary for your present use. You will do well allso to send the Women hither, by which meanes the ffactory will bee freed from the trouble which one of them hath frequently occasioned.

Wee are,
Your Affect^e^: freinds

NATT^LL^: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BAB[WELL.]
THOMAS [WRIGHT.]
MATT: EMP[SON.]
EDWARD TRE[DCROFT.]

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPATAM.

N^o^: 1. Generall Letter, dated 26^th^: October 1697.
2. Translate of the Seerlascars Cowle to M^r^: Holcombe.
3. Draught of the forme of a Cowle and its Tra[nslate.]
4. { Coppy of the Invoice of w^t^: sent to Vizagapatam.
   { Abstract of what sent to York Fort.
5. Generall Letter to the Com^r^: of any Europe [. . .]
6. Paragraphs of the ffort Generall Letter to [. . .]
7. Copy of Cap^t^: Prickman's Dispatch to be forwarded [the ship] not arrived.

To the Rt: Worpll: Charles Eyre
Agent &c^a Council in Bengall.

Fort St: George
26th: Octr: 1697.

No: 14. sent overland.

Inclosed is Coppy of our last dated 28th past by ship Anne with second Bill of Lading for 7,000 Rupees; sent you by Ditto ship since which wee have none from you.

Letters from Goa advise of five ships cruising on that Coast supposed to bee Pirates, and of a ship from Portugal which brings news of March last, that a treaty was then on foot for a generall Peace. But there is Little heed to bee given to their advices.

The Rt: Honble: Comps: Pacquett to us by ship Sampson brought us a coppy of Coja Panus Calendars Contract datd: 21st January 1695, which was mentioned in the List of the Pacquett but there being no direction or mention thereof in the generall Letter, and it not being then questioned or considered whether itt had been otherwise sent to you, a coppy thereof was omitted to bee sent by the Sampson. But upon a review of the Rt: Honble: Compa: Letters, and ours to Bengall and the Lists of the Pacquetts, it seemes doubtfull to us whether you have ever received itt, and therefore we inclose a Coppy, tho' the Termes are included in the Contract by the Fleet ffrigat, yett differeing in the date may possibly bee of more import then wee apprehend, by the [next] conveyance wee shall send you another Coppy [. . .] send us a Coppy of the [. . .] In our Letter of the 23d December, 96, wee desired you [. . .] us with the Armenians progresse upon their contract by the ffleet frigat, but don't remember that you have made any mention thereof since.

Upon opening the bundle sent us by ship Wellfare No: 6 entituled Mr: Jeremiah Peachies, Gentue & Persia Papers, and examineing the same with your List No: 5. There appears a very great mistake or rather Neglect in the makeing them up. For your List referrs to the numbers of severall parcells contained in the [Bundle] [No: 1] to No: 8. But there was no numbers written on the [. . .] and there are many papers not found in the bundle [. . .] are inserted in the List, and many found in the bundle are not mentioned in the List, as will appear by the [inclosed] coppyes of your List, and the Attestation of Mr: Pe[achey] the Secretary and Attorney Generall, the two Latter [. . . ten]dered to open the seales and examine the Contents [in the] presence of Mr: Peachey. Pray enquire how this comes to be done so carelessly and what is [. . .] Papers wanting for if they are lost Mr: Peach[ey] have just reason of Complaint, whether [there is] any import or no. And by the next ad [. . .] to what value you have att any time received from [. . .] since his comeing from Maulda, as it [stands in] your Bookes, that hee may have due Cre[dit . . .]

Our last Letter from Vizagapatam dated 10th: Instant [. . .] of the second Rebellion of the Rajahs, who have defeated the Seerlascar's Army and taken and slain him how far they will proceed or what the consequence will bee cannot be foreseen, but wee apprehend it necessary to provide for the security of the Factory, for which they have wrott to us to [supply] them with gunpowder, men and severall stores, butt the season of the year will not permitt us to send any thing [. . .] and itt is probable this will reach you time enough for you to supply them [sooner] then wee can. Wee have therefore ordered them to advise you their circumstances and wants wherewith lett them bee supposed so far as you can spare them by the first oppertunity, either by the Sampson or any other ship bound this way. And if any ship belonging to this place shall ref[use] to do the Rt: Honble: Company that service advise us thereof.

The Madrasse ffrigat Capt: Benjamin Prickman Comr: sailed from hence on the 1th: past bound for Vizagapatam and the West Coast, and the next day a Countrey ship the Diamond Capt: Lawrence sailed from hence for Bengall Capt: Lawrence adviseth the owners that he came in sight of Vizagapatam road within 6 dayes and put into ye: road on the 21st: September for Water and proceeded, and complains of no bad weather. The Vizagapatam Genell: Letter dated 10th: Instant, adviseth that they have [. . .] of the Madrass Frigat.

Wee have no reason to [. . .] that the men have run away with the ship, being [. . .] here, or that Cap^{t}: Prickman would (tho' he expressed a desire of goeing to Bengall) but so mad as to carry [so de]signedly thither being Laden with a Cargo for Vizagapatam Amo^{t}: to Pag^{s}: 11060: 14: 3. and for the West coast Amo^{t}: Pa: 6082: [13:] and therefore wee cannot imagine what is become of her. If Cap^{t}: Prickman bee gone to Bengall, Deliver him a [Protest] for Breach of orders, which Protest lett bee indor[sed] on the inclosed Copy of the Despatch wee gave him here with your orders for prosecu[ting] the same whereby [the] R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company may bee secured from payment [of] Demora[age for] the time hee spends more then neces[sary . . .] from all [their] damages which may accrue by brea[ch of] orders. Whatever his pretences may bee, itt will be considering the season of the year and that another [. . .] gained her passage att the same time to Vizagapatam [. . .] short a time, that hee did designedly pase [. . .] sort.

You need not send many guns to Vizagapatam [. . .] bee sufficient, nor above 20 mo^{d}: of Powder [. . .] they can bee supplyed in part by the Sampson as many men as you can spare or procure. Wee are,

Your Affect: friends.

NATT: [HIGGINSON.]
JOHN [STYLEMAN]
FRA[NCIS ELLIS.]
ROG[ER BRADDYLL.]
CHA[RLES BARWELL.]
THO[MAS WRIGHT.]
MAT: [EMPSON.]

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by their Letter dated 10th Instant advise that she was not then arrived, nor had they heard of her, nor can wee imagine where she should bee unlesse the Commander hath designedly past the Port, [for Bengall] from whence to returne in November to Vizagapatam which will detard her proceeding to you, for which reason, and because we daily expect the monsoon, wee have determined to return this ship to you so soon as possibly she can bee unladen and ballasted, designing to send to you by her so many of the stores you writ for as [have] not been sent by the Madrasse Frigat, and can bee provided and gott aboard, with a few Topaz souldiers. The account whereof [you will] have herewith if wee are not prevented by suddain foul weather, with an Acc[. . .] of Wages paid and stores spared to ship Dolphin as [. . .] [1]

Wee send you no Doll[ers] now because wee have none [. . .] can gett any till further supplyed from England, nor [. . .] because you will have a sufficient supply by [the] Madrasse frigat, untill wee send you more stocke. [2]

If you have noe occasion for the Dolphin, and have [. . .] enough to spare; you may returne her to us with an [. . .] Lading immediately upon her arrivall with you, and shall hope to see her here again some time in January. Before which time wee expect ships from England may probably send one to you with further supply of men, money, and stores in order to which itt [is] requisite that the Dolphin bring us your [. . .] you shall not meet with another conveyance [. . .] [3]

4. Wee have perused your Letter and Consultation &c^{a} [and] shall give you a particular answer as the short [time will] allow.

5. Wee gladly [observe] the care you take of imploying the Coffrey's (w^{ch}: appears by the Account in your Generall Bookes) encourageing Plantations, and increase of Cattle and inviteing of Chinamen. Wherein if you goe on the Pla[ntation] must flowrish, and in time become profitable. And when you have a good stock of Cattle, fruit, herbs and grain, fitt for the [. . .] ships after a long voyage, the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: will bee [. . .] to send ship directly to

you, whereas the Owners have been hitherto fearfull of letting their ships goe directly thither lest they should not meet with necessary refreshment for [sick men].

No. 6. Remember to send us your spare Guns and uselesse stores or remains, by the first oppertunity.

No. 7. Since you can supply yourselves with Batavia Arrac att [so] cheap a rate as 12 Doll^{s}: ℔ [Caske . . we] shall not send you any more att our dearer rates, but desire you to supply us with 10, or 20 Caske att any [. . .] when you send a Vessell to us and have roome.

No. 8. The Vessell intended for your Coast [. . .] with Planke, Timbers &c^{a}: will not come, y^{t}: desig[ne being] not prosecuted.

No. 9. When you have secured all the Pepper to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: from Pryamong to Bencoolen, there will bee no occasion to endeavour more, those parts affording sufficient for att least two large ships yearly.

No. 10. Wee observe [. . .]what you write concerning M^{r}: Fleetwood and Kennedys [Debts] and perceive the former hath deceived us, and fear the [. . .] hath deceived him, and us [too] Gett in as many [. . .] of their Debts as you can. M^{r}: Kennedy doth not goe [. . .] to the West Coast.

No. 11. It is a good hearing that Doct^{r}: Coote is any thing reforme [d] from his former [Ex]cesses. But having been so ill [. . .] an instrument of Debauchery, it is better to send him away, unlesse you can [disguise] it under your hands that you really believe hee was throughly reformed, whereof wee have little hopes.

No. 12. Inclosed is the Acco^{t}: of the Cost and charges of y^{e}: [. . .] which after repair was sent forward to you, and we [. . .] is arrived with you, you must Credit Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: for the [. . .]

No. 13. Mathew Carter has been long known to us, and judge him in many respects not fitt to bee your Gunner, Particularly because he was addicted to drunckenness [. . .] when he went from hence, wee have by this ship [. . .] M^{r}: John Scott to bee Gunner att York Fort, att the usuall Pay of 18 Dollars ℔ mensem; haveing app[roved] himself an honest, sober, carefull and ingenious [person] and well initiated in the Mathematicall scien[ce . . .] all which qualification will render him [. . .] and deserve your countenance, so long as he continues and By the first oppertunity wee shall allso send you another well approved Person to bee Lieu^{t}: of your Garrison, M^{r}: Matth^{w}: Eyton [. . .] [who hath] been severall years Ensign at Fort S^{t}: David who being allso well versed in Acco^{ts}: & Merchant[s] affaires wee shall appoint him youngest of your Councill. Thus do wee pick out the best men wee can gett for our assistance, haveing a particular regard to their sobriety.

No. 14. The Iron stone is continu[ed on the Dolphin] & 200: added.

No. 15. Wee shall pay your three Bills as demanded Amount to Ryalls [. . .]

No. 16. The two English ships you heard were att Batavia were the [William] and Mary from China belonging to Bombay, and the Sedgwick a small ship belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company which goeing to Ball[ee] for slaves the Comander and severall others were cut off by the Ballees and the ship is returned hither.

No. 17. You doe very well in lookeing after the [concernes] of Manuell de Monte deceased, or any other Topasses, [&] when received lett the same bee paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash and advise us that itt may bee paid to the relations here, if the partyes deceaseing [do otherwise] order by Will proved before you by Good [wit]nesses, which method will give great satisfaction to the Cast here, tho' the concerne may bee [. . .] Continue allso to permitt any of the souldiers to return after a few years service; a few att a time as formerly ordered, John [Gayer] who came by this ship is Entred into the service of the Garrison att 5 fan^{s}: ℔ mensem more then ordinary [Portu]guez Pay.

[No. 18] In the 44, 45 & 46 Parr^{s}: of your letter you give a satisfactory reason for seiz[ing] and sending hither the two Bugg[esses . . .] Simulier and [. . .] [T]egama, which wee approve [. . .] this instance will bee a

meanes to deterr: others from the like villainous practices. Tho' itt will not bee convenient for you to [send] them hither, but upon such an extraordinary occasion and with the approbation of such of their Cast as are [their] freinds M[r]: Styleman & M[r]: Barwell haveing [examined] them they confesse nothing but justify themselves, but wee have no reason to give Creditt to them, and keep them under confinement in or to further examination, and have no thoughts of returning them to the West Coast, att least till affaires shall bee so settled that itt will not bee in their power [to do] any more mischeif. No. 19.

If these men have really had so great an influence and been so instrumentall in promoteing the Emp[eror's.] Interest. Itt is to bee feared that some of that party may take the oppertunity of Revenge when they can meet with one. Therefore lett due care bee taken that they doe not surprise some of our own [. . .] No. 20.

The 40 Paragraph of your Letter gives a probable Acco[t]: of the cause and Consequents of the Jealousy & misunderstanding between Raja Addill and Raja [Macoota] Wee have also per[used.] your Consultations of 4[th] and 6[th] July and the Instructions given M[r]: Darley upon his goeing to Pryamong dated 28 June, whereby hee is ordered to call the [old] Emperour into the Government of the Countrey (upon Termes) if Raja Addill &c[a]: will not join in fighting against [him . . . in] order to cause him to returne to Indrapoora, which orders are concluded with a Caution, not to bee done unlesse there bee an absolute occasion, but rather to lett the Government of the Countrey remain as itt is in Raja Addill &c[a]. No. 21.

Haveing considered all, as well as so short a time will admitt and [. . .] perused the 18[th]: 19[th]: 20: 21: 22: & 23[d]: Parag̃: of our inclosed Letter dated 20[th]: August last, wee doe not find reason to alter our opinion that the old Emperour cannot bee recalled into the Government of the Countrey and that the Agreement with Raja Addill &c[a] must bee prosecuted, and that a Generall Bitchar is the proper method for establishing a reunion, wherein we doubt not but our Letters and presents sent by the [. . .] branch would contribute and that Raja [Macoota] the most proper man to bee employed in the over [. . .] of the pepper Plantations, because he hath even approved himself true to the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Interest (when all the rest have att one time or other wavered) and if hee and M[r]: Frith, by his misinformation, have comitted an Error in appointing unfitt persons as his substitutes, and hath given a request to the [Proarteens] thereby, and by his exacting more [. . .]. then is due, that miscariage may bee rectifyed appointing fitter Persons (such as are approved [. . .] Proarteens in a Bitchar) and by reduceing Raja [Ma]coota within due bounds such [a kind] of misunderstanding will frequently happen lett the Agreement bee made ever so strong, and it is your parts to prevent the progresse of their differences, and reunite them, by removeing the Cause, But there [. . . will] bee no end of changeing if a change must bee made in the Government upon every little quarrell. No. 22.

This in Generall is [in our] opinion, the true Interest [of] the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys affaires on the West Coast, for which many reasons may bee given, but time will not p̃mit to enlarge. In short, Wee lay this truth as the foundation of all resolves, That the old Emperour is never to bee trusted, because itt is apparent that he did in complyance with Dutch Councells turne us out of Indrapoora and tho' he may in prosecution of the same Councells pretend a Counterfiet freindship yett at last will [. . .] an irreconcylable Enemy, when oppertunity [. . .] and if the truth were known itt is most pro [. . .] the very 500 Dollars which he distributed among the Proarteens of Sablat, Cattong &c[a] was Dutch [. . .] the makeing them free People exempt from Custome and Fines, was [. . .] Dutch Pollicy, to prevent our joining the coun[treys] Pryamong and Bencoolen And if the Emperour cannot bee trusted, the Government of the Countrey [must] bee in the hands of some other native Prince or Rajahs, and itt doth not appear that there are any others so fitt as Raja Addill &c[a] and perhaps none capable but they, haveing [not No. 23.

heard] of any others who present a right by the Custome of the Countrey, & consequently none that have interest enough to secure themselves in the Government of the Countrey against the Emperour Raja Addill, Sultan Guilimot & Raja Macoota, [who] perhaps upon such an innovation would agree in opposeing the settlement of the Government in other hands.

No. 24. Therefore if you have not made an Agreement with the old Emperour, wee would not have the Government of the Countrey yielded to him, but by all means possible oppose him, and endeavour to reunite Sultan Guilimot Raja Addill and Raja Macoota upon their former termes of Agreement which if either of [them have] broken, some suitable satisfaction must be [made] to the party injured, and their old Contract renewed and ratifyed by a Generall Bitchar, upon the old termes, if possible, or upon such others as shall bee found more proper for an accommodation, and for prevention of the like misunderstandings for the future.

No. 25. The placeing of [a . . .] quality of Power in Raja Addill and Sultan Guilimot [& . . .] Raja Macoota was att makeing the former Agreement necessary as circumstances then stood, and [. . .] rather because Raja Addill could not bee trusted to the sole Government dureing Sultan Guilimots nonage, which equality seem to have given the occasion of their Jealousyes, and yet itt is not probable that either Raja Addill or Raja Macoota should bee willing to part with the power they have been invested [. . .] and exercised so long, and to lay either of them by force, would bee to make him an enemy, and consequently weaken your own, and strengthen the Enemy's party, If such an Agreement could bee brought to passe by their own consents, itt would bee the most effectuall way to prevent this [. . .] Jealousyes. Butt itt cannot bee expected, The [best] expedient wee can thinke of is, that provided by [. . .] old Agreement wherein they obliged themselves to referr all manner of differences whatsoever [the . . .] determination of the cheif and Councill of Prya[mong]who ought not to determine any thing of momen[t] by the advice and direction of the Govern^{r}: & Coun[cill of] York Fort; and if either party bee not content they may appeal to the Governour & Councill of York Fort but in the mean time acquiesse in the determination of the Cheif of [Priamong] and if not consent therewth: may appeal [to] the Governour of Fort S^{t}: George, but in the mean time acquiesse in the determination of York Fort by which meanes there will bee time gained [for protecting an accommodation, or provideing a remedy against the refra[ctory .] [. . .]

No. 26. But if you have brought [one . . .] Emperor into the Government lett us then consider how things stand. Tho' the administration now lyes in Raja Addill, & in Raja Macoota on behalfe of Sultan Guilimot, and Raja Addill was elected by the Proarteens to bee joined with Sultaun Guilimot in the Government because of his [n]onage yet the Government stands upon the Right and Title of Sultan Guilimot, in opposition to the Title of the Emperour. The Emperor depends upon the Dutch Sultan Guilimot wholly upon the English, and his own Interest obliges him to bee true, and the Emperors Interest is to betray you so soon as he can to the Dutch. Raja Addill will either withdraw himself or join with the Emp^{r}: and therein join with the Dutch as he did once before soe that if you have given the Countrey into the Hands of the Emperour, you will bee in the power of him that is the greatest enemy the Hon^{ble}: Company hath on the coast and consequently the stronger the worse.

No. 27. But wee hope M^{r} Darley will find a way to accommodate the differences between Raja Addill and Raja Macoota and unite all against the Emperor. But if he calls in the Emperour wee must wait the Issue and you must take the best care you can [. . . & p]revent being betrayed by him.

No. 28. Your Diary of 22^{d} June gives an Acco^{t}: of the report of [a] runaway Coffree, [concerning] M^{r}: Friths supplying the Interloper with the [R^{t}:] Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Pepper, notwithstanding your advise and order to the Contrary, and your Consultation of the 24th Ditto orders the removeall of M^{r}: ffrith from that Post, and M^{r}. Darley to take charge of the Factory which was well done, supposeing

the report to bee true, which Mr. Darley will fully understand when he comes there. And if itt proves so, take effectuall care to send Mr. Frith hither by the first oppertunity, for he that hath soe basely betrayed his trust must not stay in a place where he is capable of doeing more mischief draw a full and impartiall Acco^{t}: of his Actions, where lett him give answer, and send both to us with your remarkes. Wee are,

Your Affeč. freinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGG[INSON.]
JOHN STYLEMA[N.]
FRANCIS EL[LIS.]
ROGER BRA[DDYLL.]
CHARLES [BARWELL.]
THOM^{S}: [WRIGHT.]
MATT: [EMPSON.]
EDW^{D}: [TREDCROFT.]

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT & SHIP DOLPHIN.

Pacquett N^{o}: 1.

1. Duplicate of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Letter dat^{d}: 2^{d} August 97. No. 1.
2. Ditto of ffort S^{t}: George Generall Letter to Pryamong dat: 1st Sep^{r}: 97. No. 2.
3. Coppy of [. . .] Madrass Merchants Invoice. No. 3.

Pacquett N^{o}: 2.

1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter dated 29th: October 1697. No. 1.
2. Yatch Bencoolen her Acco^{t}: Currant. No. 2.

Pacquett N^{o}: 3.

1. Invoice of ship Dolphin. No. 1.
2. Acco^{t}: money Imprest to the Serangs & Lascars belong^{g}: ship Dolphin. No. 2.
3. Acco^{t}: Stores laden for York Fort upon ship Dolphin and Acco^{t}: stores [. . .] said ship. No. 3.
4. Acco^{t}: of Provisions Laden on board by the Steward. No. 4.
5. Receipt for makeing a Composition for Fuzees. No. 5.
6. Ship Dolphin her Acco^{t}: Currant. No. 6.

To CAP^{T}: OWEN CHANNELL COM^{R}:
OF SHIP DOLPHIN.

Ever since your ships arriveall on the 28th ins^{t}: in the evening, the weather haveing impeeded your unlad^{g}: so that there remaines a considerable quantity of Pepper on board whereof it is yett hoped that the greatest part will come ashore before night and a good part of your Ballast sent off, and the Weather being very [uncer]tain and a storme daily feared, Wee therefore order you to repair and remain aboard your ship and stay in the road till the unladeing bee finished, and till your [full] quantity of Ballast bee sent off, but if a storme shall arise, to & vent the hazard of being driven ashore, you must putt to sea, & then itt is uncertain whither the storme will drive you, or when you can return into this road, therefore make the best of your wa[y for] the most speedy attaining of the Port of York Fort, Bencoolen where when arrived you are to deliver to the Deputy Governour & Councill such Pacq^{ts}: as shall bee herewith delivered [you,] or sent aboard to you & follow their order. Dated in Fort S^{t}: George this 30th: October 1697. No. 17.*

NATT^{LL}: HIGGINSON. CHARLES BARWELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN. THOMAS WRIGHT.
FRANCIS ELLIS. MATT: EMPSON.
ROGER BRADDYLL. EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

[* *Sic in original, Letters Nos. 15—16 wanting.*]

To Amerjeahn att Zulphakr: Cawn's Camp.

Nº: 18. I received your Letter this day and by Cojee Gregoree understanding the contents and hope that you will bring with you all the necessary Perwannas, as you write the Nabob has promised.

If the Nabob turne out Allebux and grant his place [to] another, pray consider if it will not bee necessary to gett another Perwanna directed for the new Junkaneer who perhaps will not take so much notice of that directed [to] Allebux.

If the Nabob scruple the old Writeing given by the [. . .] concerning the Phirmaund, if he will please to send [. . .], itt shall bee written and signed again. That will bee a great service if you can prevail with him to procure the Phirmaund.

Allebux's people continue to bee crosse and give me trouble every [day and] as my people bring in fowles; & other provisions for eating take a tenth or twentyeth part by [force] and when I send to them, then they release.

November [. . .] 1697. Natt: Higginson.

To Amerjeahn att Zulphaker Cawn's Camp.

November 1st: 1697.

Nº: 19. A ship lately comeing from Bencoolen brought mee the largest shell that I ever saw, and no man that sees itt, ever saw the like. I haye sent by four Cooleys. I doubt itt is not worthy of the Nabobs sight, if you think it may bee an acceptable Rarity pray present itt to his Excy: with my Humble service.

Natt: Higginson.

To Amerjeahn att Zulphakr: Cawn's Camp.

November 3d: 97.

Nº: 20. I received your letter this morning wherein you acquaint me that the Nabob has ordered Hodgee Mahmud Allee to deliver the broken ships, Plank and goods, and Hodgee Mahmud Allee says he will deliver them when he comes. After the same manner did Hodgee Mahmud Allee promise last year, but when I demanded them hee refused to deliver them without the Nabobs Perwanna in Writeing. Therefore pray gett the Nabobs Perwanna in writeing for delivering all things whatsoever which belonged to the ships, and which can bee found by my servts: and that my servants may have free liberty to look for them, take them, and carry them away without any hindrance.

Nath: Higginson.

To the Honble: William Hatsell President of Fort St: George, and Governr: of Fort St: David &ca: Councill of ffort St: David.

Fort St: George, 8th: Novr: 1697.

Nº: 21. Sent overland. Wee have received yours of the 3d: Inst: and observe the passage about ship Wellfare passing your Port to Porto Novo, and your Gunners being detained and released.

The Acco[t]: you give of our merchants Cloth agrees with that which they have delivered to us, and they haveing [made] appear to us that they have brought in (tho' not delivered washed, because our Washers have been employed upon the king William's Cargo) about 5000 Pags: of Calicoes more then they were obliged to deliver by this time, [. . .] their Cloth you advise to bee at Fort St: David, and more by their advices comeing in from Kisnapatam, [. . . &] valued att about 6000 Pags: and they appearing incl [. . .] to bring in as much as they possibly can procure [. . .] the ships in January in order to which they have borrowed Pags: 15000: and doe now pay Interest (as the[y acknow]ledge) for above 8000 Pa: and still want more mo[ney to]

keep their Loom's employed, and it being a very proper time for the procureing of Cloth when there are not many other buyers; Wee have therefore resolved to furnish them with as much money as wee can possibly procure, and doe this day [pay] them Pag^{s} : 4000 borrowed att Interest, but must [for]bear borrowing any more till a further supply [comes] except what necessary for Expences and for the discharge of your Bills, and if you have any money in Cash for which you neither have a present use, nor foresee an occasion for it in 2 months, Wee desire y^{e} : to cause such overplus to bee paid unto Serrapas Factors, and advise.

The Pole by which wee measure brown cloth is exactly as yours is 10 coveds long each Cov^{d} : 19 Inches, our weights have not been lately but are ordered to bee adjusted as usuall once in three months, when done shall advise.

Wee shall pay your Bill Pag^{s} : 250 : to M^{r} : Chardin w^{n} : demanded.

On Thursday evening the 28th : past ship Dolphin arrived from York Fort, and brought us 110 Candy Pepper, and Generall Letters dated 26 July last, which give no further Account of any Hostilityes acted in any part, but charge M^{r} : Frith the Cheif of Pryamong with furnishing the Interloper ship Rebecca with the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Pepper out of their Godownes, and advise they have Pepper enough to fill up the Madrass Frigat. The uncertainty of the Weather would neither permit us to keep the ship long for fear of the monsoon, nor unlade and balast the ship soe speedily as was necessary but wee made a shift to dispatch her so as that she sailed back for York Fort on the 31st : past in the night.

Wee should not take Ensign Eaton from your Garrison but for the service of the West Coast where wee think hee may bee an usefull man both in the Civil and Military. There is indeed an indispensable necessity for a good military Officer. And wee have not one Officer in our Garrison fitt for that place. Wee have therefore determined to send Ensign Eyton thither, and are sorry he was not here to goe by the Dolphin so soon as he can settle his affaires lett him bee sent hither overland, that he may be ready to proceed by the next oppertunity.

Our last Letters from Vizagapatam dat^{d} : 12th : October advise they had then heard nothing of the Madrass frigat who departed hence on the 10th : September with a Considerable stock for that Factory. A Countrey ship [named] Diamond which sailed the day after for Bengall [. . .] was in sight of Vizagapatam in 6 dayes, & proceeded for Bengall, Whither possibly Cap^{t} : Prickman is likewise gone, or else wee can't imagine what is become of the ship.

M^{r} : Ellis our Cheif Sorter is ill, and wee have [. . .] business of the King Williams Cargo remaining to bee [. . .] besides which wee expect that wee shall have a [. . .] 400 Bales to bee sorted in the months of De[cember &] January for which reasons we cannot spare one of our sorters and therefore desire that if your business will ℔mit our Merchants Cloth may bee sorted and embaled by such as use to sort and embale your own. Otherwise we must wait till the Monsoon will afford a Conveighance hither. Wee are,

Yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : &c^{a} :
very Affec^{t} : freinds.

CHARLES BARWELL. NATT : HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. JOHN STYLEMAN.
MATT : EMPSON. FRANCIS ELLIS.
EDWARD TREDCROFT. ROGER BRADDYLL.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 15TH : NOVEM^{R} : 1697.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILL^{M} : HATSELL, PRESID^{T} :
OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE AND GOVERN^{R} : OF FORT
S^{T} : DAVID &C^{A} : COUNCILL.

Our last was 8th : Instant. Yesterday wee received Letters from Anjengo dated 15th : and 21 past, wherein they give us an account of the Queens attacquering the Fort and their defeating of her Forces, but they expect a second assault

No : 22. Sent overland.

and desire a speedy supply of men, Provisions and stores, which wee shall in persuance of his Excell^{ys}: Generall order send them by the first oppertunity, but wee have sent away so many men lately [to] the West Coast, Bengall and Vizagapatam that wee cannot spare so many as they want. Wee therefore desire you to entertain 10: or 20 Topazes for the service, and as many slaves, and lett them bee in readinessse to be thither by the first oppertunity which shall offer, w^{ch}: wee don't att present foresee, therefore if you meet [with] an oppertunity of sending them from Fort S^{t}: David [. . .] them bee sent, with an Acco^{t}: of the Charge whereof a [. . .] us. Which is the present needfull from,

Your Affec^{t}: Freinds.
NATT^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: JOHN BRABOURN
CO$\tilde{M}$ADORE &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT ANJENGA.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 16TH: NOV^{R}: 1697.

No: 23. Sent overland.

On the 14th: Instant wee received yours of the 24th: Septem^{r}: 15 & 24 past and in complyance with your request shall send you the best answer we [. . .] by the Chambers frigatt, expected suddainly from [Bengall] or by such other sea Conveighance as shall offer soon. In the meantime wee pray God preserve you from y^{e}: [. . .] of the Natives. Wee have paid the bearer Permall three [. . .] Allegappa Mudelair the other bearer requests to be [. . .] [enter]tained into service by you whereof you are onely [. . .] Wee are [. . .]

Your Affec^{t}: freinds.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE,
16TH: NOVEM^{R}: 1697.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 16TH: NOV^{R}: 1697.

TO HIS EXCELL^{Y}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYRE KN^{T}:
CAP^{T}: GENERALL AND DIRECTORE IN
CHEIF FOR ALL AFFAIRES AND FORCES
OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA &C^{A}:
COUNCILL IN BOMBAY.

No: 24. [ψ] Armenian conveyance.

Wee received on the 14th: Instant Lett^{rs}: from Anjenga dated 24th: Septem^{r}: and 15 and 24th: October which containing matters of great importance, and fitt for your Excell^{cys}: speedy knowledge, and considering the uncertainty as well of the sea Conveighance from Anjenga to Bombay, as of the time of the Chambers frigat comeing from Bengall, wee have taken the oppertunity of this Armenian conveighance by way of Golconda, to send your Excell^{y}: the Coppyes of said Letters, and have nothing to add thereunto, but that wee have in persuance of your Excell^{cys}: order dated 10th: July 1696, ordered the Provision of all that they write for, and so far as procureable send them by the Chambers frigat or

the first oppertunity, thô wee fear shall not bee able to send above 20: or 30 Topasses, and not the full number of slaves or Cooleys. The rest wee can send. Wee are,

Your Excell^{cys}: very hum^{ble}:
and Obedient Servants.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 19TH: NOV^{R}: 1697.

To THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM
HATSELL PRESIDENT OF
FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID
&C^{A}: COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

On the 15th: Instant wee wrote you concerning the provision of some souldiers and slaves for the service of Anjenga since which wee have heard that the S^{t}: David Brigantine belonging to your place is bound on a Voyage that way and not being assured when wee shall have an oppertunity of sending from hence and being willing to take the first, wee desire you to Provide and send to Anjenga by the S^{t}: David Yatch so much as you can of the things mentioned in the inclosed List, which wee received from thence, and to allow the Owners such freight as you think reasonable, for whose further encouragement wee can inform you, that they advise us, if any Vessell bee sent thither upon this occasion they can return her Laden with Pepper on ffreight. No: 25. Sent overland.

Wee don't expect that you can send all, but desire you to advise us as soon as you can, how many you can send that we may take care of sending the rest and if you shall upon this occasion lessen your stores, wee will upon your advice, by the first oppertunity supply you. Particularly wee desire you if the S^{t}: David Yatch do's att any time goe to Anjenga, to send as many Topaz souldiers and slaves as she can conveniently carry. Which is the needfull att present from.

Your Affec^{t}: freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 22^{D}: NOVEM^{R}: 1697.

To HIS EXCELL^{Y}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYRE KN^{T}:
CAP^{T}: GENERALL AND DIRECTORE IN CHEIF
FOR ALL AFFAIRES & FORCES OF THE
R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY ATT BOMBAY.

Our last was dated 16th Instant by an Armenian Pattamar under Cover of Coja Mercana, with coppies of three Letters lately received from Anjenga, giveing an Acco^{t}: of two Engagements they have had with the Queens forces, sent y^{e} first time to hinder the Cutting of wood and the second time to assault the No. 26.

Factory whereupon they desire us to supply them with the Inclosed List of men and stores which wee hope to send either by the Chambers frigat or other conveyance thô cannot spare the desired number of souldiers. The Letters are to large to coppy being not willing to loose any time in hastning the following advices to your Excellr:

On the 21st: Instant ship Tavistock burthen 750 Tons Capt: Samuel Jones Commander arrived here, haveing left Plymouth on the 26th May last in company with the Bedford, Capt: Hudson Comr: & the Dorothy Capt: Trenwith bound for Bombay they came out with Convoy which left them on the 8th June. No sooner was the Convoy out of sight but they found themselves chased by five ships, and as soon as they saw they were french Privateers, and that they gained, our ships stood three different courses the Bedford towards the Convoy the Dorothy close upon a Wind, and Capt: Jones kept on his Course, three followed the Bedford and two the Dorothey, and by night had gained considerably on them, so that the Captain doth doubt the Bedfords safety unlesse he could reach the Convoy. The Captain acquaints that the Bedford brought out 80 souldiers, & 800 bales Cloth besides a considerable stock of silver.

This ship hath brought us a stock of £ 53571: 15: 4: in Lead shipping stores and Treasure whereof the Rt: Honble: Company have ordered lb. 30,000: to bee sent to Bengall by this ship. Our Generall Letter is dated 16th April 1697, cheifly relateing to the particular affaires of this Coast and is too large to send a Coppy but will come by the Chambers frigat. In the mean time wee inclose the Coppies of the 51st & 59th Parr: of said Letter relateing to Bengall and ship Tavistock with coppy of our Letter now sent to Bengall. Our Pacquett did not contain any Publick news, nor any advices relateing to the ships designed for Bombay.

The Amity came out in Decemr: last for York Fort, but wee have yet heard no news of her from thence, thô the Dolphin came from thence in July, and Capt: Jones heard nothing of her att the Cape. Wee are,

Your Excellys: very Humble
and Obedient Servants

Charles Barwell.	Natt: Higginson.
Thomas Wright.	John Styleman.
Matthew Empson.	Francis Ellis.
Edwd: Tredcroft.	Roger Braddyll.

Fort St: George 23d: Novembr: 1697.

To Mr: Simon Holcombe Cheif
&ca: Councill att Vizagapatam.

No. 27. Sent overland.

Our last was 26th: October by your return'd Peons, which is too large to coppy now. This being intended for remitting to Bengall the accompanying necessary advices, of the arriveall of ship Tavistock designed thither soe soon as the monsoon will permit which wee desire you to send forward, she came out of England on the 26th: May last in Company with two other ships bound for Bombay, & one came out before for the West Coast. Wee have no great news to send you things remaining in Europe much as they were onely Plenipotentiaryes were met in April last att Delphe in order to a generall peace, but the issue uncertaine. Wee expect suddainely to hear from you, till when wee forbear writeing further, and indeed other businesse will not permit us to enlarge att Present. Wee are,

Your Loving freinds

Charles Barwell.	Nathll: Higginson.
Thomas Wright.	John Styleman.
Matthew Empson.	Francis Ellis.
Edward Tredcroft.	Roger Braddyll.

To the Rt Worpll: Charles Eyre
Agent &cA: Councill of Bengall.

Our last was 26th: past overland Copy whereof comes inclosed. No: 23. sent overland.

On the 21st: Instant ship Tavistock burthen 750 tons Capt: Samuell Jone[s] Comander, who left Plymouth on the 26th: May arrived here and hath brought us a Pacquet direct'd to you, which wee don't think convenient to venture overland, but shall send itt you by the ship which the season will not permitting to proceed in att least two months time, we have thought itt necessary to send the Coppy, that you may have the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders and time beforehand for considering the best methods of complying therewith.

Of this ships stock the Rt: Honble: Company have ordered 30,000lb to bee sent you in specie or Rupees as by the Inclosed coppy of the 59 Paragraph of their Generall Letter to us dated 16 April 1697, whereby it seems that their Honr: did expect the ship might have arrived here time enough to have carryed you that stocke and come backe hither to bee filled up for England in this next January or February, but her late arriveall renders that impossible, for she cannot proceed from hence for the Bay before the time assigned for her dispatch for England. Wee must therefore continue the best way wee can for procureing the ship a full and good Ladeing so soon as wee can, and that she may doe something in the mean time towards her demorage wee therefore propound as follows Vizt: that wee coin here the said 30,000lb into Rupees and send them to you by the Tavistock so soon as the season will permit, which in the ordinary Course of the monsoon will not bee before the latter end of Janry.

That you returne her to us Laden with Saltpetre, and as many goods for Europe as you can possibly gett ready either by stock or Creditt, by the day of March beyond which time wee thinke itt not convenient for her to stay with respect to gaining her passage hither. Upon arrivall here we may judge whether wee shall be able to compleat her [Lading] from hence in September next, which if wee can accomplish will save four or five months Demorage, and wee shall therefore endeavour it but if wee foresee that wee cannot accomplish itt, wee shall then return her to you in June or July, in order to her being Laden from Bengall; and if you shall advise itt necessary for compleating her Ladeing wee will send you such bales as wee shall have then ready, which wee rather mention because wee suspect your stocke will hardly bee sufficient for so great a ship Ladeing, unlesse you can advance a very considerable sum on Credit, for which the Rt: Honble: Compa: give you full orders.

Wee allsoe inclose the Coppy of the 51st Parag: of the said Generall Letter, relateing to the manner of the subordination of Bengall to the Fort, which wee shall comply with on our part and forbear to trouble you with any directions relateing to the Rt: Honble: Compa: affaires in Bengall, being very glad that their Honrs: have found cause of satisfaction and confidence in your management. It is however necessary that wee maintain a Correspondence and that yo: send us such advices as may enable us to transmit to the Rt: Honble: Company some Generall Account of the state of their affaires, as oppertunityes offer, which may sometimes happen from hence when you cannot send directly from Bengall, particularly that by all oppertunityes you continue to give us an account of the progresse of your Investments, in the manner formerly directed, that wee may all times know how far wee may depend upon you for the Ladeing, and dispatch of ships, and that you send hither all such persons, as you either have or shall find guilty of corresponding or dealing with the Interlopers.

Upon further consideration of the two forementioned Par: wee have resolved not to open the Rt: Honble: Comps: Pacquett directed to you, and therefore cannot send you a Coppy of the Letter. Wee are,

Your very Affect: freinds.

Fort St: George 23d Novr: 97.

Natt: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Thomas Wright.
Francis Ellis.
Matt: Empson.
Roger Braddyll.
Edwd: Tredcroft.
Charles Barwell.

To the Hon^{ble}: Will^{m}: Hatsell Presi^{dt}:
of Fort S^{t}: George and Govrnour
of Fort S^{t}: David &c^{a} Councill
of Fort S^{t}: David.

N^{o}: 29. Wee have received yours of 20: 23 and 27th Instant the latter incloseing a List of what stores you can provide and send for Anjenga by S^{t}: David Brigantine, It falls out very well that the Owners did not design to send her that way before January for wee would willingly send all that can bee sent by the Chambers frigat which we expect every day from Bengall but till her arriveall wee cannot bee ascertained whether she can take them in or whether she can bee obliged to call there the ship being freighted and possibly so full that she [will] not have room. Wee would therefore deferr contracting with the Owners of the Brigantine till the arriveall of the Chambers frigat. In the mean time lett us know what they expect by the month. Wee think about 80 or 90 Pag^{s}: will bee sufficient they paying Wages.

Ship Tavistock Cap^{t}: Samuel Jones Command^{r}: arrived here on the 21st past and brought us a generall Letter from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated 16th April last. Inclosed are the coppies of nine Paragraphs which relate to Fort S^{t}: Davids Viz^{t}: Par: 8: 21: 24: 31: 32: 37: 56: 62: 63.

You will observe the 21 & 56 par^{r}: doth find fault with the Excesse of the Coast Factories charges and requires a reducement to a certain sum in order to which wee desire you to send us an Acco^{t}: of the yearly Amount of each head of Charges from the first settlement drawn in Columns with your opinions of the Sum necessary for each head and your Paymasters Acco^{ts}: for the month of October last, with a List of Persons necessary for the severall imployments att Fort S^{t}: David and Cuddaloor.

The order of the 62 Par^{r}: concerning the Payment of salaryes at the rate of 9^{s} ℔ Pag^{o}: is possitive and must be observed.

The Auditor Generall hath sent us many remarks upon the Acco^{ts}: of the Coast what relates to your book will come herewith if coppyed, or by the next, Whereunto it is requis[ite . . .] that you send an answer time enough to goe by the next ship in January.

Wee shall Creditt your Acco^{t}: Pag^{s}: 1000: paid to our Merchants as mentioned in yours of the 20th: past.

The Madrass frigat arrived at Vizagapatam on the 12th: October and delivered her Cargo and on 5th: Nov^{r}: proceeded for the West Coast with 184 bales.

Wee shall depend upon you for 30 Topasses. Wee shall want them, either for Anjenga, Vizagapatam or the West Coast.

Wee have not Gunnyes and Twine enough for 50 bales but expect a supply by the Sampson, sufficient for both Factories.

Wee shall give your Acco^{t}: Credit for Pag^{s}: 8: 30: expended by you for Ensign Eytons travailing charges mentioned in yours of 23^{d}: past.

Wee have various reports of the Morattas comeing, but no certainty. Amerjeahn writes from the Camp that our Junckaneer will bee removed and that he shall bring with him the necessary Perwannas, but he stays longer then expected.

Advise us by your next how many bales ready and how many may bee expected from Fort S^{t}: David Merch^{ts}: and Weavers by the 15th: January. Wee are,

Your Affec^{t}: freinds.

Fort S^{t}: George 1st: Decem^{r}: 1697

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
[Ed: Tredcroft].

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE [11TH DECM^{R}: 97]

To the HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL PRESID^{T}:
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE & GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}:
DAVID &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Our last was dated 1 Instant Inclosed is the coppy therein mentioned of the Auditor Generalls remarks on the Fort S^{t}: David bookes, and Coppy of a Generall Letter from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated 21st April 1697, concerning the Fort S^{t}: David expences, wherein you will observe the particulars wherein the Auditor Generall reproves your yearly Expences and the sums he propounds as sufficient. Wee know are stated too little and some expences may be abated, but wee desire you to give us your opinion of each head with the reasons. N^{o}: 30.

Inclosed are sundry Journall parcells relateing to your place taken out of our bookes QQ: wth: your account Currant to the last of October 1697 allso sundry adjustments taken out of the Journall parcells of your Bookes G. and Entred in our PP: ending April 1697. Wee are,

Your Affection^{t}: freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 13TH: DEC^{R}: 97.

To HIS EXC^{CY}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYER KN^{T}:
CAP^{T}: GENERALL AND CHEIF DIRECTORE FOR
ALL AFFAIRES & FORCES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL
IN BOMBAY.

Our last was dated 23^{d} past ℔ Pattamar via Surat. Copy whereof comes inclosed with copy of our Letter dat^{d}: 9th: and 16th: September ℔ ship Loyall Captain and our Pacq^{t}: to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company with severall papers according to the List therein inclosed left open for your Excell^{ys}: peruseall, whereunto wee desire to bee referred, and to bee excused from repeating the Contents. N^{o}: 31 Sent ℔ ship Chambers frigat.

Wee had no further proofe of the Armenians trading with the Interlopers, then a complaint of the Agent & in generall words, whereupon wee summoned the Cheif Armenian Merchant[s] before us and took a writing from them whereby they promise never to trade with them more, the Coppy of the Translate whereof comes inclosed, with the Coppy of an order wee sent to Bengall relating to trading with the French & Interlopers dated 31st: of May 1697.

The Dutch papers relating to M^{r}: Blackmores controversy att Batavia, being large are not fully coppied for want of writers, that understand the Language, but they are almost finished to go home by the next ship from hence, and so soon as they can bee gott coppied again they shall bee sent y^{r}: Ex^{cy}: &c^{a}:

The 10th: Paragraph of our Generall Letter to [your R^{t}: Hon^{ble}:] Comp^{a}: dat^{d} 16 September 97 mentions the [. . . debt] of M^{r}: John Gray deceased to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: inclosed is M^{r}: Frasers paper concerning that matter, and wee humbly pray your Excell^{y}: &c^{a} to cause satisfaction to bee procured if itt can bee had, or if not to lett the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: know how the case stands for M^{r}: Fraser doth not own to have any thing of M^{r} Gray's in his hands.

Inclosed is the translate of a Letter received from Tringombar dated 17th: April 1697, relating to a sett of Buttons which the Governour &c^{a} had taken from some of their men, who had received them from the Pirates belonging to the

Mocha frigat in Mergen w^ch^: Buttons wee shall send by the Chamber[s] frigat, presumeing your Excell^y^: &c^a^ can tell better then wee how they ought to bee disposed of.

On the 12^th^: Instant wee received your's of the 27^th^: Sept^r^: Via Surat with Copy of one dated 11^th^: August sent ℔ ship Francis via Bengall, but have not received the Originall.

Wee humbly thanke your Exc^y^: for the advice you are pleased to give us concerning the Pirates and of the safe returne of the Mocha Convoy with their fleet, with Europe news, and are very glad to hear that your Ex^cy^: &c^a^: have a prospect of lading home so many ships. Wee hope there will goe home three from this side of India in due time, one from the West Coast, one from Bengall and one from hence. Pray God they may all arrive safe.

Wee have not had one Candy of Europe Iron in the Garrison for some time, nor hath the Tavistock brought us any but a large quantity of Nails, all sorts but sheathing and filling Nails, which will bee very welcome to us when they come. Our present thoughts are that wee can vend near 10: barrells of each of those two sort yearly, att a better price then Rs. 12. ℔ ⊖: though your price of Iron and Guns and Anchors doth exceed our usuall Markett price. When wee see the sheathing Nails wee can give our opinions with more certainty.

15^th^: December.

On the 14^th^ Noon ship Chambers frigat imported from Bengall, but the wind blowing hard the Cap^t^: could not come ashore till to day. The Francis came in her company and anchored, but last night sailed out of the road, probably because she found it hard rideing.

This ship hath brought us a Generall Letter from the Agent &c^a^: dated 25^th^ November last, the Coppy whereof wee inclose in our Letter to the R^t^: H: Comp^a^: because they require from us particular advices from all parts, and that is all wee have, tho' wee expect more by the Sidney, and doubt not but they have wrote more largly to your Excell^y^: &c^a^.

The Bengall Generall takes no notice of [. . .] and Nails ℔ Francis Cap^t^: South acquaints that they were received into the Godown att Calcutta, [. . .] that they had received no orders concerning them and are not sent us by the Sidney.

M^r^: Barwell and his family and M^rs^: Walsh & her family take their passage on this ship, according to your Excell^y^: &c^a^: Order.

Wee had before the arrivall of the Chamber[s] frigatt resolved to send the Sedgwick to Anjenga with men and stores, fearing that the Chambers frigat would bee too full, and that she could not spare the time w^ch^: she must spend att Anjenga for delivery of Goods, however if the Chamber[s] frigat could have taken in the necessary and the Comander would have undertaken the delivery wee should not have sent another ship on purpose. But he acquaints us that he cannot possibly find room in his ship, and is already too deep laden. Wee have therefore determined to send her on purpose with a supply of all things which the Commodore &c^a^: wrote for according to the inclosed List, whereof wee hope wee can procure all or the greatest part. Tho' for the Topaz souldiers and slaves wee must order her to take some in att Fort S^t^. David, & therefore cannot possibly accompany the Chambers frigat. However wee reckon the Sedgewick secure from the Pirates by her excellent sailing wherein she out does any ship in India, being built for that purpose and carryes but very little. wee fear she will not carry much above 50 Candy of Pepper, tho' built for 90 Tons.

Inclosed are 9 severall papers relating to Bombay Acco^t^: Currant taken from our Generall Bookes NN: OO: PP: QQ: according to the List.

Wee have paid M^r^: Charles Barwell 100 Pag^s^: for defraying the charges of his voyage for Persia, for which wee desire Credit. Hee being accountable to your Excell^y^: &c^a^: for the same.

Inclosed is a List of Persons who take their Passages on this ship. They all accompany M^r^: Barwell, and M^rs^: Walsh, except M^rs^: Christmas and Padre

Cosmos who have both paid for their passage the former Pag^{s}: 10: for herselfe and necessary's and the Latter Pag^{s}: 6: for himself. Allso the Sea Customers Acco^{t}: of parcells belonging to the respective passengers.

Allso a bill of Lading and Invoice for 7 p^{s}: Velvett concerning which wee formerly advised your Excell^{y}: that Issa Cooley had sent a muster for the Mogull, and wee sent to China for them. The bill of Lading includes the prementioned Gold buttons.

M^{r}: Jonath^{n}: Winder whom wee had sent for from Bengall upon informations of his Corresponding wth: the Interlopers there, is come hither upon this ship Hee hath brought a few goods with him the [freight] whereof will bee received, but the Acco^{t}: [thereof] cannot be now sent. Wee know of no other [goods] for this place.

17th: Decem^{r}:

This day Edward Bell Master of a Brigantine from Acheen brought us a Letter from M^{r}: Floy'd & M^{r}: Reynolds dated 27th: August inclosing a Pacquett directed to your Excell^{y}: &c^{a}: freighters of Ship Dorrill which comes herewith and doubt not but itt brings a more particular Acco^{t}: of the Passages relating to the Mocha frigat. Wee are,

Your Ex^{cys}: very hum^{ble}:
and Obedient Servants

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

P.S. Cap^{t}: South paid Anchorage here Pag^{s}: 9 as he called for Bengall, but it being demanded now he refuseth to pay, w^{ch}: is referred to your Excell^{y}: time not allowing to dispute itt with him. It's true we dont use to receive anchorage twice of ships when they onely cruise on the Coast & returne.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO THE GENERALL &C^{A}: AT BOMBAY ℔ CHAMBERS FRIGATT 17 DECEMBER 1697.

In y^{e} Pacq^{t}: to y^{e} Comp^{a}:

N^{o}: 1. Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Letter dated the 13th: 15th & 17th: Decem^{r}: 97.
2. Duplicate of Ditto Generall Letter [. . .] 9 & 16th: Dec^{r}: 97.
3. Copy of the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Generall to Fort S^{t}: George dated the 16th: April 1697 ℔ Tavestock.
4. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Generall to Bombay dat^{d}: 23^{d}: Nov^{r}: 97.
5. Coppy of the Armenians obligation not to trade wth: Interlopers.
   Coppy of the Lieu^{t}: Generall Letter to the Agent &c^{a}: of Bengall.
   Coppy of an order forbidding Correspondence wth: the french & Interlopers.
6. Copy of M^{r}: ffrasers paper relating to the debt of M^{r}: Jn^{o}: Gray.
7. Copy of Bengall Gen^{ll}: Lett^{r}: to Fort S^{t}: George dated 25th Novem^{r}: 97.
8. Copy of the Gov^{r}: &c^{a}: Tringombars Generall Letter dat^{d}: 17th Ap^{ll}: 97.
9. Copy of List of Letters wrote for from Anjenga allso account what part provided here to bee sent.
10. Account Currant London Surratt Presidency taken out of Fort S^{t}: George bookes NN: Ending 30th: April 95.
11. Ditto taken out of Bookes OO: Ending 30th: April 1696.
12. Ditto taken out of Bookes PP: ending 30th: April 1697.
13. Journall Parcells taken out of bookes NN: OO: PP: the account Currants.

N° : 14. Briggantine Gingerlee her Account Currant.
15. Sundry Journall Parcells taken out of bookes PP : relating to Ditto.
16. Ketch Josia her Account Currant.
17. Sundry Journall parcells taken out of bookes QQ : relating to Ditto.
18. Bombay Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : in Journ^{ll} : ℔cells taken out of bookes QQ : end^{g} : 30 Sept^{r} : 97.
19. List of goods brought ashore from ship Chambers frig^{t} : at F : S^{t} : G : August 1697.
20. List of Persons who take their passage on ship Chambers frig^{t} : to Bombay.
21. Sea Customers Acco^{t}. ℔cells Laden on ship Chambers frig^{t} : for Bombay by y^{e} : [. . .].
22. Copy of two Paragraphs of Fort S^{t} : George Consult^{n} : dat^{d} : 15th : June and 23rd : August 1697 relating to M^{r} : William Fraser.
23. Invoice of 7 p^{s} : velvetts.
24. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
25. Letter directed to the Generall &c^{a} : freighters of ship Dorrell rec^{d} : from Acheen 17 December 1697.

To the Hon^{ble} : Will^{m} : Hatsell Presid^{r} : of Fort S^{t} : George and Govern^{r} : of Fort S^{t} : David &c^{a} : Council of ffort S^{t} : David. Fort S^{t} : George [18th : Dec^{r} : 97.]

N° : 32. This is onely to advise that wee shall in few dayes send the ship Sedgwick to your Port with [such stores and] necessaries as the Commodore &c^{a} : of Anjenga have wrott for and a few Topazes with a Serjeant or Corporall But depend upon you for twenty Topazes & 10 or 12 slaves fitt for worke : which wee desire you to gett in readyness that they may att the ships arrivall be sent aboard. We shall send Provision wood and water enough.

On the 14th : Instant ship Chambers frigat Cap^{t} : Thomas South Commander arrived here from Bengall and this day sailes for Bombay but was so full she could not take in any thing for Anjenga. By her M^{r} : Barwell and his family and M^{rs} : Walsh and her family are gone for Bay.

The Agent &c^{a} : of Bengall advise us that the Sidney will follow in few dayes she brings 100 bales of p^{s} : Goods towards her lading and must bee filled up here, we have now but 757 bales in our Godown, and allso doubt that the Sampson will follow to be filled up here, in which case wee shall want all the bales that you can possibly supply. Itt seems very probable that wee shall order one of the ships to call att Fort S^{t} : David to take in your bales and pepper, and to proceed from your Port for England. Itt will therefore be necessary that you do by all oppertunityes advise us both the number of bales ready and what you have a prospect of providing by the 20th : January that wee may know how much room to leave for them, and how far wee may depend upon your assistance for compleating of the Tonnage.

Wee hope you will have some fine Indigo, the more the better. Wee are,

Your Affe$\tilde{t}$: freinds
Natt : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Edw^{d} : Tredcroft.

To the Hon^{ble} : Will^{m} : Hatsell Presid^{t} : of Fort S^{t} : George and Govern^{r} : of Fort S^{t} : David &c^{a} : Councill att ffort S^{t} : David.

Fort S^{t} : George Decem^{r} : 27th : [97]

Wee have received yours of the 1st : Instant with papers as ℔ List concerning which att present wee cannot returne answer. No : 33. ℔ ship Sedgwick.

This comes by ship Sedgewick Cap^{t} : Lockyer Watts [Comd^{r} :] bound for Anjenga with the stores and necessaries [. . .] the Comandore &c^{a} : have wrott for and she calls at ffort S^{t} : David to take in the 30 Topaz Souldiers and 10 Slaves which you advise to bee provided for that purpose, whom wee have laid in sufficient Provision and [. . .] so that upon the ships arrivall you will have [. . .] to do but to send the men aboard, where there [. . .] Samuel Tredwell a Corpora^{ll} to Command them and take care of their provisions. If the ship can take in more Souldiers and Slaves or Cooleys send as many as the Master will receive, they having wrott from Anjenga for 50 Topazes, and there is sufficient Provision aboard for them.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for treasure and Factors provisions laden on this ship Amo^{t} : P^{a} : [*Lacuna in the original.*]

As soon as the souldiers &c^{a} are aboard, order the [Mast^{r} :] to proceed for Anjenga according to our orders dated 28th : Instant.

Inclosed is abstract of what news received from Acheen relating to the Pirates in those parts which forward to Anjenga, being mentioned in our Letter to them.

This day wee received the Pacquett which you forwarded from Anjenga, wherein they repeat their former requests for supplyes of stores &c^{a} : and now add their want of money, to supply their present occasion. Wee have sent one Chest of Dollars.

Wee have allso received Letters from his Excelly : &c^{a} : Via Suratt dated 12 November with advice concerning the Arabs detaining the London in satisfaction for a ship of theirs which had been taken by Pirates and concerning a Pirate ship in the Red sea with copies of severall clauses of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Letters to them of 23 April last, copyes of all which come inclosed. Those clauses relating to the French ships designed for India and the order relating to the Estates of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : servants deceasing in their Debt, being of concernment to us to observe. Wee are,

Your Affet : freinds.

P : S :
Inclosed is a Warrant from the Court of Admiralty to bee served upon Mungarpilla att the suit of M^{r} : Chardin. If in such case there bee any inconvenience or difficulty arise to render the Execution impracticable advise.

N : H :

Natt : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Edw^{d} : Tredcroft.

List of the Pacquett ℔ ship Sedgwicke.

N^{o} : 1. Generall Letter dated the 27th : December 1697.
2. Invoice of what Laden on board ship Sedgewick.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
4. Warrant from the Court of Admiralty.
5. Clauses of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Letters to Bombay dated 23^{d} : April 1697.
6. Copys of M^{r} : Soam's Letters from Acheen dat^{d} 31 July 11 Aug^{t} : and 25 November 1697 to bee forwarded to Anjenga.
7. Abstract of the Narrative of ship Dorrills engagement with the Mocha frigat 9 July 1697 to bee forwarded to Anjenga ℔ ship Sedgewicke.
8. Generall Letter dated 28 Decem^{r} : 1697.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 27: DECEM^{R}: 97.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE &C^{A} COUNCILL AT ANJENGA.

N^{o}: 34. ℔ ship Sedgewicke.

Wee have received your Letters of the 24th: September 15th: and 24th: October last by Peons, by whose returne on 16th: November we advised you of our Intentions of sending you the store &c^{a}: you wrote for, which are accordingly now sent by this ship Sedgewicke, Cap^{t}: Lockyer Watts Comander as you will understand by the Inclosed Invoice & bill of Lading &c^{a}: Acco^{ts}: as ℔ List. The Amo^{t}: of all expended here being Pag^{s}: 3577: 9: 1. besides which you will receive an Account from Fort S^{t}: David of the Topaz Souldiers and Slaves which they will send from thence with their Charges for all which wee desire you to give us Credit and advise Bombay by the first oppertunity.

There goes from hence one Smith [*lacuna in the original*] esteemed a good workeman, and two slaves. Chintadree & Perramoota marked as Criminalls whereof one served some time in the Cookroom here, the other a great theife and condemned a slave for robbery. Samuel Tredwell a Corporall goes to looke after and command the Topazes and slaves & their provision haveing approved himselfe here a very sober and carefull man, deserving trust and preferment. There will goe from Fort S^{t}: David so many Topaz Souldiers and Slaves or Cooleys as the ship can carry.

The Chambers frigat called here in her way from Bengall for Bombay, but was so full and so pestered wth: passengers that she could not take in the stores or people, & therefore are forced to send this ship on purpose, hoping that you will by one meanes or other returne her to us full Laden with pepper that the freight may help, defray the Charges, & dispatch her to us so soon as you can our present thoug^{ts}: being that att her returne she will bee sold, for which the month of March will bee the most proper time.

Wee thanke you for the news you communicated to us concerning Kidd the Pirate. Inclosed is an abstract of what wee have received from Acheen, relateing to the Mocha frigat and other Pirates there, which renders Navigation in these parts hazardous. The particular Account you give us of the troubles you have met with from the Government by Verdamon's mean's will goe home to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company by the next ship in next mõ:

There is more provission laden aboard for the Passengers then will bee probably expended in the voyage. the Master and the Corporall have both order to take care that the overplus bee delivered to you.

Inclosed is the Account of wages paid to the ships Com[pany . . .] and they are to receive no more till their returne hither.

For want of Butts or large Caske wee have sent you the more small caskes of salt beif and Pork which will make your full quantity desired.

Since writing of the foregoing this day wee received yours dated 4th: December with severall papers according to List among which wee find the coppy of the former List you sent us of necessaryes wanting, notwithstanding what supplyes you have received from Bombay whereupon wee see reason to continue our former resolution of sending the Sedgwicke to you, and have added one Chest of Dollars for your present supply, but cannot spare more, nor could wee send you any Surat Rupees, because none procureable. Allso this day Peons from Surat brought us a Letter from his Excell^{y}: &c^{a} dated 12th: November advising that the Arabs do detain the London as satisfaction for a ship of theirs taken by Pirates, and doe in plain termes offer either peace or Warr. Wee are,

Your Affec^{t}: freinds.

P: S:

There is 160 Pigs Lead Invoiced to you by the Sedgewick being the ships kentillage without which or an equivalent she cannot sail, and therefore you may returne itt with the ship, but if you have occasion for any take what requisite for your use and returne the rest.

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO ANJENGA ℔ SHIP SEDGEWICK.

N°. 1. Generall Letter dated 27th December 1697.
2. Invoice of what Laden on board ship Sedgewicke.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
4. Stewards Account of Provisions.
5. Account wages Imprest to ship Sedgewick's men.
6. Generall Letter to his Excellency &c^{a}: att Bombay.

TO HIS EXCELL^{Y}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYRE KN^{T}: CAPT: GENERALL AND DIRECTORE IN CHEIF FOR ALL AFFAIRES & FORCES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

May it please yo^{r}: Exc^{y}: &c^{a}.

Our last was the 13th: Instant ℔ Chamber [s] frigat which sailed the 19th: Instant wth: Copy of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Letter to us by ship Tavestock w^{ch}: arrived on the [21st] November and our Pacquett to their Hon^{rs}: M^{r}: Barwell, M^{r} Walsh and their families tooke their passage on that ship, shee came so full from Bengall that she could not take in the stores &c^{a}: for Anjenga. Wee have therefore sent the Sedgewicke thither on purpose to supply them. wee cannot send your Excell^{y}: a perfect Account because she is to take in Topazes &c^{a} att Fort S^{t}: David but have desired the Commodore &c^{a} to send y^{e} necessary advices. N° : 35. ℔ ship Sedgewick.

Yesterday wee received your Generall Letter dated 12th.: November Via Surat, with the Inclosed coppies of papers mentioned therein, which requires no further answer then our thankes.

The Sidney is not yett arrived, and by ships imported this day from Bengall wee understand that she may stay 7: or 8 dayes longer her Charterparty time expires on the 10th: of next month too short a time for doing the businesse necessary for her Dispatch. We are,

Yo^{r}: Ex^{cy}: &c^{a} very Humble
and Obedient Servants.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 28TH: DECEM^{R}: 1697.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.
ROGER: BRADDYLL.
THOMAS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
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FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 28TH: DECE^{R}: 97.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILL^{M}: HATSELL
PRESID^{T}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C.
GOV^{R}: OF FFORT S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}:
COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Yours of the 24th: came this evening with a List of stores desired. This ship brings you your full share of the Paper &c^{a}: received. In the expence whereof wee must all learn to bee very frugall since itt comes so seldom. The Tarr and grindstones will bee sent you but wee have no Europe Iron, nor flints nor Armes sent us by the Tavestocke, nor have wee any to spare. N° : 36. ℔ Sedgewicke

If you cannot purchase the number of slaves for Anjenga send Cooleys in their room fitt for assisting in Building, att monthly pay.

Wee have laden more provisions aboard the Sedgwicke then will probably bee expended in the voyage however send three or four bags of rice more, The overplus is ordered to bee delivered att Anjenga.

A Countrey ship arriving this day from Bengall gives us reason to expect the Sidney here the next week pray increase the number of your bales as much as y°: can.

Wee observe your furnishing our merchants with 1000 Pag^{s}: and shall give you Creditt for the same but pay them no more, whatever their pretences bee, because they have already received more then payable by contract and by the next send an account of the sum̃s paid them since the Acco^{t}: you sent last to p̃vent mistake.

There is a report here that Zulphaker Cawn hath sett up his Flagg upon one of the hills of Chingie & makes a show as if he did really intend to take the place; a little time will show the truth. Wee are,

Your Affection^{t}: freinds

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
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TO CAP^{T}: LOCKYER WATTS
COM^{R}: OF SHIP SEDGEWICKE.

N° 37. Having Laden aboard your ship what designed for Anjenga, you are hereby ordered upon receipt hereof to repair aboard and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh Anchor and sett sail and make the best of your way for the most speedy attain[ing] of the Port of Fort S^{t}: David Tegnapatam, where you are to deliver our Letter to the Governour and Councill and receive aboard so many Topaz Souldiers & Cooleys as they shall deliver, and your ship can take in, wherein make as expeditious a dispatch as you can; and then proceed for the Port of Anjenga, where when arrived you are to deliver our Pacquett herewith delivered you as directed to John Brabourne Esq^{r}: Commodore &c^{a}: Councill whose orders you are to observe for your unlading, lading & returne.

Take good care that the provisions laid in for the souldiers and slaves bee not imbezeled, but justly & frugally distributed, wherein give your assistance to Samuel Tredwell Corporall, who goes from hence for that purpose, and to keep the Souldiers in due order. Take care allso of the Armes that they may bee in a readinesse in case y°: should have occasion by the way to use them for your defence.

Wee need not informe you of the many Pirates that are abroad, you are therefore to use all possible caution to avoid all hazards of being surprized by them, y°: are therefore to speak with no ship att sea whatsoever.

There is probably more provisions laid in for the passengers then they will expend in the Voyage. The overplus you are to cause to bee delivered to the Commodore &c^{a}: Councill att Anjenga. Wee wish you a good voyage, and Date these in Fort S^{t}: George this 28th: day of December 1697.

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

TO THE NABOB ZULPHAK^{R}: CAWN.

N° 38. I rejoyce to hear the good new's of your victory, and I pray to god you may alwayes Conquer your enemies, upon this news of divide sugar and fire guns [*sic*], wishing your kings, your fathers & your health and make great rejoycing, now

I hope first by God's then by your favour the Countrey will bee settled, so that the Comp^{s}: affaires and trade may flowrish, and I hope y^{r}: favour for the English nation will encrease; and that you will consider their good services to the King, which will bee a great encouragement to your Countrey, I have no body but you to protect me, I have now sent you a small Present which be pleased to accept off, tho' 'tis not worthy of itt, I hope the Kings favour will encrease towards you daily.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

23RD DECEM^{R}: 1697.

To AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAK^{R} CAWN'S CAMP.

Last night I received your Letter and hope to see you suddainly, since Wootumchund has promissed the Perwannas I send you Doct^{r}: Brownes Acco^{t}: of the money he received of Aggawlee for Physick. Aggawlee sent to mee for a Doctor. Tho' you know D^{r}: Browne has much business here yet I send him. Hee spent three weeks in Aggawlees service, and when he came back bought Physick before the D^{r}: could return Aggawlee dyed. You know travailing is chargeable and some Physick cost dear and when itt is made for one man will not serve for other uses, when Aggawlee's son sent his people hither about this business, they seemed to satisfyed with these reason. Great men don't use to deal thus with Docters. Did I think D^{r}: Brown gained any thing I would make him pay back all that he had gained, but itt would bee unreasonable to make him loose more then he hath lost already by going. I am sorry this trouble happens: I will take care to prevent the like occasions for the future. Pray lett Wootumchund [know] the truth of these things. N^{o} 39.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

To NABOB ZULPHAK^{R}: CAWN.

After your Excell^{y}: had taken Chingie and the Keys delivered you, what I could then procure I sent your Excell^{y}: thinking itt a proper time to send something, altho they were not fitt for your Excell^{y}: use, and I know you did not want such trifles, and that they are not fitting returns for those many favours which have received from your father and you, however for the future, shall take care to gett the best raritys that comes to these parts to send your Excell^{y}: and hope you will excuse the meanesse of the Present. N^{o}: 40.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

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11.	To Fort S^{t}: David	21 Ditto.
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N° : 13.	To Vizagapatam	26 : October.
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16.	To York Fort	29 : Ditto.
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